

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
BUDGET ESTIMATES 2013-2014

Finance and Deregulation Portfolio

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Outcome/Program: 3/3.1

Topic: Stationery and Office Supplies – Savings

Senator: Ryan

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Question:

Because these are now on a capped budget amount, effectively, for members' and senators' offices, was there a saving assigned to it with respect to government? Was there a line item saving overall - so, because you had assigned that 14 per cent, we could get pens and things, on average, that much cheaper? Does that include, in net terms, the cost of extra transport and freight, where people might previously have been seeking reimbursement for things purchased locally?

Answer:

There was no savings reduction applied to the office requisites and stationery entitlement of Senators and Members.

There has also been no change to the way in which Senators and Members access the office requisites and stationery entitlement since moving to a Whole of Government arrangement on 1 May 2013. The method of access and provider have remained constant for a number of years.

The office requisites and stationery entitlement was capped in the 2009-10 financial year at \$35,000 per annum (indexed annually).