

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
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**Senator:** Rhiannon

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**Question:** I want to clarify although you have covered it to some extent: when there are whole of government contracts, are there any sustainability requirements?

**Answer:**

As indicated at the Senate Estimates Committee hearing on 18 October 2011, sustainability requirements are one of the elements taken into account in the establishment of whole of government contracts. The requirements depend on the nature of the supply.

Following a competitive tender process, that included sustainability requirements aligned with the *Australian Government ICT Sustainability Plan 2010 -2015*, two Major Office Machines whole-of-government panel contracts were established. The Equipment and Support Panel was established on 19 April 2011. It covers network printers, multifunction devices, scanners and includes support, consumables and maintenance. The Managed Print Services Panel, for fully managed printing services, was established on 20 June 2011.

The major office machines panellists are required to support agencies in complying with the *Australian Government ICT Sustainability Plan 2010 -2015* and better aligning the use of ICT with the Government's overall sustainability agenda. For example, MOMs equipment will support the use of recycled paper.

Equipment under the major office machines panels have technical specifications to meet a range of energy efficiency and environmental requirements and Panellists are obliged to provide equipment with default settings that support sustainability goals. For example, the equipment defaults to duplex and monochrome printing. Panellists are also obliged to recycle toner cartridges and to minimise packaging and waste.