

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 17 OCTOBER 2011

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(SE11/0094) Program : Internal Product

Senator Humphries asked:

How much was spent by each Department/Agency on the government (Minister's/Parliamentary Secretaries) stationery requirements in your portfolio (i.e. paper, envelopes, with compliments slips) in 2010-11. What is the estimated cost for 2011-12.

Answer:

The Minister for Immigration and Citizenship, the Hon Chris Bowen, MP:

2010-11:	\$16,563.00
Estimated Cost for 2011-12:	\$18,000.00

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Prime Minister, the Hon Kate Lundy:

The Parliamentary Secretary is also the Parliamentary Secretary to the Prime Minister, and therefore the Department of Immigration and Citizenship (DIAC) and the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (PM&C) share the costs of certain aspects of portfolio department support, including the purchase of stationery.

Letters for portfolio ministers and parliamentary secretaries are usually printed on plain paper with the 'letterhead' being part of the electronic document.

The Parliamentary Secretary uses Stephen Swiss White paper and envelopes and the costs are provided below:

- one ream (500 sheets) is \$32.87 or \$26.40 per ream if bulk orders (50 reams or more) are placed; and
- DL envelopes are \$76.50 per box of 500.

Occasionally PM&C may purchase additional stationery. The total cost for stationery used by each minister in the PM&C portfolio in 2010-11 and expected costs in 2011-12 cannot be identified as stationery is ordered in bulk, sometimes for several ministers and then used over an extended period. The costs have therefore been presented as an amount per ream or batch of stationery.