

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

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Topic: Printing of Documents

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Senator: Senator McKenzie

Question:

Does the department/agency print any hard copies of reports/statements/papers they produce? If yes, please list how many copies, where they are delivered and the cost.

Answer:

Yes, the Department of Health and Ageing prints hard copies of reports/statements/papers. These range from procured printing of the Annual Report and Portfolio Budget Statements to in-house printing of small documents.

Information is not readily available and to collect information regarding copies, delivery and cost would be a highly resource intensive process for the Department, which we are not currently in a position to undertake.

In general, the department seeks to minimise the production of hard copies where possible in order to reduce expenditure, and is focused on providing online solutions where appropriate. However, the printing and tabling of certain documents including government and annual reports, responses to parliamentary committee reports, and ministerial statements is a legislative requirement.

The Department has reduced printing costs considerably from \$9,499,689 in 2006-2007 to \$3,880,180 in 2010-2011.

All print procurement over \$10,000 is publicly reported on the government gazette.