

Senate Community Affairs Committee
ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
FAMILIES, HOUSING, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND
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Question No: 270

Topic: Making the Public Service more efficient

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Boyce asked:

How will printing costs be reduced? Explain if and how the department/agency will reduce its printing costs by five per cent, or if it will not, why not? How will it be determined what documents will no longer be printed? What are the estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates?

Answer:

The Department is currently developing publication guidelines to reduce the volume of print material it produces. Strategies include publishing in accessible online formats as the primary option, and only printing hardcopy formats where there is an identified need.

Printing is procured by all areas of the Department and is centrally reported. Expenditure figures based on this central reporting will be reviewed each year over the forward estimates to assess any reduction in printing costs. Information on the estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates is not readily available without the use of significant resources.