

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Supplementary Budget Estimates 18-22 November 2013

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

Department/Agency: Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet

Outcome/Program: 1.1 Prime Minister and Cabinet

Topic: Purchase of 'file covers'

Senator: Senator the Hon Penny Wong

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Question:

With reference to contract notice CN1886431 published on AusTender:

How many 'file covers' have been purchased at a cost of \$10,131?

Have any 'file covers' been provided to portfolio ministers or their offices? If so, how many?

Can a description of the 'file covers' be provided?

Answer:

3,000 file covers were purchased. The file covers are not provided to ministers or their offices. The file covers that were purchased are for the use of the Cabinet Secretariat for the storage of Cabinet documents. They are designed to be clearly distinguishable from other departmental files and include instructional text to ensure appropriate handling by departmental officers.