

Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications
Legislation Committee
Answers to questions on notice
Environment portfolio

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Topic: Portfolio Wide – Public Service Efficiencies – Printing

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Senator Ludwig asked:

Has the department/agency reduced its printing costs? If not, why not? Have printing costs increased, and if yes why and by how much?

Answer:

For the purpose of the response, printing costs for 2011–12 and 2012–13 have been used to provide a comparison.

The Department of the Environment (the Department)

The Department has reduced its printing costs from \$783 808 in 2011–12 to \$346 224 in 2012–13. Savings have been delivered through the use of a centralised print management service. The Department along with Parks Australia (Director of National Parks) use a centralised print management system to procure printing services through Panel and Multi-User List arrangements.

The Department (Darwin/Jabiru)

The Supervising Scientist Division based in Darwin/Jabiru has reduced the printing of Supervising Scientist publications. All publications are also published online. Printing costs have been reduced from \$16 239.05 (GST ex.) in 2011–12 to \$15 385.25 (GST ex.) in 2012-13.

Bureau of Meteorology

The Bureau of Meteorology has reduced its printing costs from \$971 535 in 2011–12 to \$901 158 in 2012–13. These figures include the cost of printing all cost recovered publications such as the weather calendar.

Clean Energy Regulator

Printing costs for the Clean Energy Regulator were \$58 719 (GST inclusive) for the period 1 July 2012 to 30 June 2013. As the Clean Energy Regulator was only established on 2 April 2012, it is not possible to compare printing costs with those incurred in the 2011-12 financial year.

The Clean Energy Regulator only prints essential publications in hard copy. Prior to a print run being agreed, a reasonable case arguing for a print run is required. All other publications are available on the Clean Energy Regulator's website.

Climate Change Authority:

As a new agency, the Climate Change Authority does not have relevant comparative data. In order to minimise costs, the Climate Change Authority publishes only a small number of reports in hard copy for accessibility purposes and all printing jobs are competitively quoted.

Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority

No. Additional costs were incurred in relation to work on the Strategic Assessment of the Great Barrier Reef Region. Printing costs increased from \$174 858 in 2011–12 to \$198 915 in 2012–13.

Murray-Darling Basin Authority

Yes. The Murray-Darling Basin Authority has advised that it has reduced its printing costs.

National Water Commission

National Water Commission printing costs have reduced from \$51 041.13 (GST incl.) in 2011–12 to \$17 160.35 (GST incl.) in 2012–13. Most National Water Commission publications are only published online.

Sydney Harbour Federation Trust

Total printing for the Sydney Harbour Federation Trust for 2011-12 was \$108 753 compared to \$118 606 in 2012-13, an increase of \$9853 as a result of a new Cockatoo Island guidebook, children's activity book and a refresh of the B2B and B2C commercial brochures.