

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES 2016-17**

Finance Portfolio  
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**Senator:** McKenzie and Marshall  
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**Question:**

**Mr Sheridan:** The majority of the paper in 2015-16 was indeed purchased from Australia—62 per cent by quantity and 59 per cent by value. In the same year, 2015-16, 37 per cent of the paper purchased by volume was 100 per cent recycled and 34 per cent was 50 per cent recycled. I can provide more detail if you would like, Senator.

**Senator McKENZIE:** Mr Sheridan, have those numbers gone up over time?

**Mr Sheridan:** They vary over time. Our general paper consumption is falling over time, but the numbers vary between years and suppliers. I do not have an ongoing prediction. I could take it on notice, if you like, but I do not have one with me.

**Senator MARSHALL:** Just clarify for me. I thought the first question I put to you was really an answer to a question from the last estimates about 0.2 per cent being the amount of paper purchased that was manufactured in Australia. I thought you agreed that that was the case.

**Ms Huxtable:** I think you might have just been talking about finance department.

**Mr Sheridan:** Rather than the government.

**Ms Huxtable:** That is the figure that I recall.

**Senator MARSHALL:** Yes. I am actually talking about the finance department.

**Ms Huxtable:** It was the finance department. We do have an updated figure in respect to the finance department.

**Senator MARSHALL:** Yes. Thank you.

**Senator Cormann:** We might have to take that on notice. We will provide an update on notice. This is an answer that was obviously provided on notice. We will provide the same information on notice on an updated basis.

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**Ms Huxtable:** So this particular table is in respect of financial year 2015-16. We can provide a year to date figure as best we can. We will provide the most up to date as best we can.

**Answer:**

For updated information in respect of purchasing A4 80 gsm White Copy General Use Paper for the period 1 July 2016 to 31 January 2017, please refer to the department's response to F125, [Attachment B](#).

In February 2017, Finance commenced purchasing only Australian-made, 100% recycled and Indigenous supplier copy paper.