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Question No: 36

Department of Communications and the Arts

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Topic: Stationary and paper

Senator Bilyk, Catryna asked:

1. How much did the Department spend on stationary and office supplies (excluding paper) in calendar year 2016 (GST inclusive)?
2. How much did the Department spend on paper in calendar year 2016 (GST inclusive)?
 - (a) What brand of paper does the Department use?
 - (b) Is this paper Australian made? If no, why doesn't the Department buy Australian made paper?

Answer:

1. The Department expensed \$229,186 (GST exclusive) on stationary and office supplies (including paper) in the calendar year 2016.

The Department's financial systems do not record expenditure that would readily allow for paper to be identified separately. To attempt to provide this level of detail would involve an unreasonable diversion of resources.

2. Refer to Question 1 above.
 - (a) The Department uses a number of 100 per cent recycled paper products from, Muru Group; Reflex and Staples brands.
 - (b) Reflex and Staples brands produce Australian made products. The Department also purchased a bulk supply of Muru Group paper, which although not made in Australia, supports the Government's Indigenous Procurement Policy.