

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

Question No: 364
Hearing: Supplementary Budget Estimates
Outcome: Corporate
Programme: Policy Analysis and Implementation
Topic: PORTFOLIO WIDE - MERCHANDISE OR PROMOTIONAL MATERIAL
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Question Type: Written

Senator Ludwig asked:

Since 7 September 2013, has the department purchased any merchandise or promotional material?

- a. List by item, and purpose for each item, including if the material is for a specific policy or program or for a generic purpose (note that purpose)
- b. List the cost for each item
- c. List the quantity of each item
- d. Who suggested these materials be created?
- e. Who approved its creation?
- f. Provide copies of authorisation
- g. When was the Minister informed of the material being created?
- h. Who created the material?
- i. How was that person selected?
- j. How many individuals or groups were considered in selecting who to create the material?

Answer:

Department

- a) The Department has not produced merchandise or promotional material since 7 September 2013.
- b-j) Not applicable

Portfolio agencies that have produced merchandise or promotional material are listed below.

Director of National Parks

- a. Merchandise produced since 7 September 2013 by the Director of National Parks for the Kakadu National Park gift shop includes stickers, bags, water bottles, T-shirts, singlets, caps and magnets.

b)	Stickers:	0.55
	Bag:	11.51
	Water bottle:	7.40
	Tshirt:	15.34
	Singlets:	12.67
	Caps:	11.85
	Magnets:	0.77
c)	Stickers:	500
	Bag:	300
	Water bottle:	100
	Tshirt:	100
	Singlets:	100
	Caps:	100
	Magnets:	500

d) These items were suggested by the Visitor Services Manager as sale stock for the Kakadu National Park gift shop.

e) The items were endorsed by the Kakadu Board of Management.

f) The Kakadu Board of Management passed an Action item in March 2013 to approve the sale of items as revenue-raising products in the Kakadu National Park gift shop.

g) The Minister was not informed as these general merchandise items for the gift shop were endorsed by the Kakadu Board of Management as a means of increasing revenue.

h) The contracted company to produce the items is "Stickers and Stuff".

i) In line with procurement guidelines, three quotes were received from generic provider companies who could supply suitable saleable items.

j) In line with procurement guidelines, three companies were considered.

Murray Darling Basin Authority

a) Merchandise produced since 7 September 2013 by the Murray Darling Basin Authority included baseball caps and shows bags.

b) Baseball caps \$11.40 per item
 Showbags: \$0.61 cents per item

c) Baseball caps: 500
 Show bags: 8000

d. – j. Approvals are based on standard financial delegations according to the expenditure amount. Providing specific details about the approving officer for each item would involve an extensive manual process and therefore, in the context of existing workloads, an unreasonable diversion of resources.

Sydney Harbour Federation Trust

- a) Merchandise produced since 7 September 2013 by the Sydney Harbour Federation Trust was eight items for sale at relevant visitor centres across its sites.
- b) Visitor centre sale stock.
- c)

Small cockatoo Toy	\$5.50 per item
Australian Animal Finger Puppets	\$3.98 per item
CI Sydney’s Dockyard (book)	\$19.06 per item
The Island Shipyard & Keeping the ships (book)	\$144.50 per item
Calico bags	\$1.95 per item
Escape from Cockatoo Island (book)	\$9.26 per item
T-shirts	\$7.08 per item
Caps	\$10.36 per item
- d)

Small cockatoo Toy	250
Australian Animal Finger Puppets	25
CI Sydney’s Dockyard (book)	100
The Island Shipyard & Keeping the ships (book)	2000
Calico bags	100
Escape from Cockatoo Island (book)	150
T-shirts	120
Caps	100
- e) Providing specific details about each question would involve an extensive manual process and therefore, in the context of existing workloads, an unreasonable diversion of resources.
- f) Providing specific details about each question would involve an extensive manual process and therefore, in the context of existing workloads, an unreasonable diversion of resources.
- g) Not applicable
- h) Not applicable
- i) Providing specific details about each question would involve an extensive manual process and therefore, in the context of existing workloads, an unreasonable diversion of resources.
- j) The Harbour Trust engages suppliers through a procurement process based on the job type, company profile and ability to provide best value for money.
- k) This is based on the Harbour Trust’s procurement thresholds.