

**Senate Economics Legislation Committee**

**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**Treasury Portfolio**

Additional Estimates

2015 - 2016

**Department/Agency: ABS**

**Question: AET 1237-1238**

**Topic: Printing**

**Reference: written - 19 February 2016**

**Senator: Ludwig, Joe & Wong, Penny**

**Question:**

Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015:

1237. How many documents (include the amount of copies) have been printed?

a) How many of these printed documents were also published online?

1238. Has the Department/Agency used external printing services for any print jobs?

a) If so, what companies were used?

b) How were they selected?

c) What was the total cost of this printing by item?

**Answer:**

1237. 33 documents have been printed. There were a total of 33 embargoed ABS publications printed, with copies totalling 5,326 from 14 September to 19 February 2016. All embargoed publications are available online from 11.30 am on the date of release.

There were a total of 51 non-embargoed other documents printed, with copies totalling 11,774 from 14 September to 19 February 2016. 3 printed documents were published.

1238. Yes.

a)

- Blue Star Group Australia Pty Limited
- CanPrint Communications Pty Ltd
- Instant Colour Press\*
- IPMG Pty Ltd
- Metropress\*
- Print Media Group

b)

All companies were selected in accordance with the value for money requirements as set down in the Commonwealth Procurement Rules and where applicable the ABS' Accountable Authority's Instructions. The companies used are from the printing and production multi-use list (MUL), under the collaborative procurement program for print and related services managed by the Department of Human Services.

In addition to this, the ABS Despatch and Collection Unit (DCU) in NSW has also established national print panel contract arrangements with companies off the MUL.

\* Companies not on the MUL used for purchases under 10k (single quote, best value for money).

c)

The total reporting cost for the period 14 September, 2015 to 19 February 2016 is \$3,359,275.27.

**Please note increase in printing costs is largely due to preparation for 2016 Census forms.**