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ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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DEPARTMENT: DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY, INNOVATION AND SCIENCE

TOPIC: Stationery and paper

REFERENCE: Written Question – Senator Bilyk

QUESTION No.: AI-100

1. How much did the Department spend on stationery 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)?
3. What brand of paper does the Department use?
4. Is this paper Australian made?
5. If no, why doesn't the Department buy Australian made paper?

ANSWER

1. The Department's spend on stationery and office supplies (excluding paper) was \$336,616 in the 2016 calendar year (GST inclusive).
2. The Department's spend on paper was \$126,993 in 2016 calendar year (GST inclusive).
3. The Department has undertaken a desktop value for money assessment of all the paper products available under the mandatory Whole of Government stationery and office supplies arrangement. A range of factors including fitness for purpose, quality of the product, availability, price and environmental and social considerations were considered.

As a result of the assessment, only the purchase of Reflex (from Staples) and Australian Paper (from Complete Office Supplies) is currently permitted.

4. Yes. Both of these brands are Australian made.
5. N/A