

Senate Economics Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Treasury Portfolio

Additional Estimates

2016 - 2017

Division/Agency: Australian Taxation Office

Question No: AET 89

Topic: Stationary and paper

Reference: Written

Senator: Bilyk

Question:

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

Answer:

1. \$1,430,570 (GST exclusive)*
2. \$511,042 (GST exclusive)*
3. In the current financial year the ATO has purchased either COS or Muru brand paper.
4. No.
5. The whole of government panel for Stationery and Office Supplies (SOS) was established in accordance with the Commonwealth Procurement Rules.

*The ATO reports on the net cost to the ATO, which is the standard accounting treatment for reporting. Whilst the ATO will pay invoices inclusive of GST, the GST is claimed back. Hence the net cost to the ATO is the GST-exclusive amount and therefore is what is reported.