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Topic: Printing

Written: 7 March 2014

Senator LUDWIG asked:

1. How many documents (include the amount of copies) have been printed from the Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date?
 - a) How many of these printed documents were also published online?
2. Did the department/agency use external printing services for any print jobs since 7 September 2013?
 - a) If so, what companies were used?
 - b) How were they selected?
 - c) What was the total cost of this printing?

Answer:

The department uses external printing services for a range of key Chamber documents for the Senate, such as the Notice Paper and the *Journals*. These documents are also published online.

From time to time, the department may use external printing services for parliamentary related matters such as the printing of pamphlets, booklets and other promotional materials for the Parliamentary Education Office's schools education programs, and for other Senate publications such as the recently released *There Being No Objection...An Australian Senate Miscellany*.

The department has used Canprint, Paragon Printing, Xibit, Impress and Instant Colour Press to provide external printing services. The department applies the Commonwealth Procurement Rules when selecting suppliers to provide services to the department.

The department has spent around \$175,000 on external printing in the 2013-14 financial year to date.