

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

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Topic: Stationery requirements

Senator: Senator the Hon Joe Ludwig

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Question:

1. How much was spent by each department and agency on the government (Ministers / Parliamentary Secretaries) stationery requirements in your portfolio from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date?
 - a. Detail the items provided to the minister's office
2. How much was spent on departmental stationary requirements from the Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date.

Answer:

1. For the period 1 March 2014 to 31 May 2014, a total of \$19,987.90 (GST exclusive) was spent on stationery (i.e. paper and envelopes (printed and non-printed), with compliment slips, and condolence cards) for the offices of the Prime Minister and other portfolio Ministers.

Stationery is sometimes ordered for several ministerial offices. To provide a break-down by ministerial office would involve an unreasonable diversion of departmental resources.
2. For expenditure for the period 1 October 2013 to 28 February 2014, refer to the response to PM232 February 2014 Senate Estimates.

The Department records stationery costs with office requisites. \$260,371.50 (GST exclusive) was spent on stationery, IT consumables and office equipment (predominantly paper for photocopying and printing and printer toner, but also ergonomic chairs, pens, notepads and folders etc) for the Department including portfolio Ministers' offices in the period 1 March 2014 to 31 May 2014.