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Question:

Regarding the Cyber White Paper prepared and launched by the former Government, please outline:

- a. How long did it take to draft the White Paper?
- b. What was the average staffing level, total number and classification of staff involved in the White Paper?
- c. What was the total budget or amount spent on the White Paper broken down by staff costs, travel costs, meeting costs, other administrative costs?
- d. How many copies of the White Paper were printed, at what cost (including printing and design costs)?

Answer:

- a. On 2 June 2011, the then Attorney-General and the Minister for Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy announced the Australian Government would be developing a Cyber White Paper. It was expected to be delivered in late 2012.
- b & c. At its peak, 11 officials from across Government were working on the Cyber White Paper. Information on these officials has not been collected and retained in a way that allows the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (PM&C) to calculate the staffing costs for those officials. Approximately \$250,000 was allocated to the Cyber White Paper from the PM&C's departmental funds.
- d. No Cyber White Paper was finalised or launched.