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Senator: Xenophon

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Question:

Senator XENOPHON: On notice, will you be able, ultimately—once the dust has settled and you have gone through the counting and other important issues that you have to deal with—to advise how much of that paper has been made in Australia?

Mr Rogers: I think we should be able to find that out, so I am happy to take that on notice.

Senator XENOPHON: At this stage, you cannot tell us. In the meantime—

Mr Rogers: But I can tell you at least for New South Wales and Tasmania—we have been able to ascertain that, and I will take the rest of that on notice.

Senator LEYONHJELM: No South Australian paper.

Senator XENOPHON: But at this stage, two-thirds of it could be sourced from imported paper?

Mr Rogers: Potentially, but, again, I will take that on notice.

Answer:

In relation to the paper used for the printing of ballot papers the contractor's advice as to the source of the paper used for the 2016 federal election is set out in the following table:

Percentage of Australian Made Paper Used for Ballot Papers in the 2016 Federal Election		
Jurisdiction	House of Representatives	Senate
QLD	0%	0%
NSW	100%	100%
ACT	100%	100%
VIC	100%	100%
TAS	100%	100%
SA	100%	100%
WA	0%	0%
NT	0%	0%