

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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Outcome/Program: Outcome 1: Prime Minister and Cabinet
Topic: Flags

Senator: Senator the Hon Penny Wong

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Question:

- a) Why did the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet spend \$109,000 on 936 flags in 2014-15, including 171 Australian flags, 110 Ukraine flags and 74 UK flags, but just 3 Aboriginal and 3 Torres Strait Islander flags.
- b) Where are the 936 flags bought by the department last year.
- c) Can an update be provided to the answer to Senate question number 2095 for 2015-16 to date.

Answer:

- a) Flags were purchased for the G20 Summit, a number of Head of State and Head of Government guest of government visits and for use within the Indigenous Affairs Group. Flag type and volumes are purchased for operational requirements.
- b) Flags are stored at the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet's offices, Australian Parliament House and the ACT Property Group of the ACT Government.

c)

Flag Name	Number of Flags	Costs (GST ex)
Tanzania	76	\$9,582.00
New Zealand	41	\$5,524.00
Aboriginal	3	\$730.91
Torres Strait Islander	3	\$668.18