

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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Senator: Senator the Hon Joe Ludwig

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Question:

Since the leadership change in September, 2015, how much has been spent by the Ministerial office on personalised stationery for the Minister and the Minister's staff? Please provide a cost breakdown by type of stationery purchased and the quantity of each and whether it was for the Minister or for staff.

Answer:

The Department records personal stationery costs with 'office requisites'. Office requisites include but are not limited to general office consumables, stationery, photocopy paper, envelopes (printed and non-printed), with compliments slips, condolence cards, IT consumables, office equipment, printer toner, ergonomic equipment, pens, notepads and folders. To attempt to provide details of the types and quantities of stationery would involve an unreasonable diversion of departmental resources.

For the period 15 September to 31 October 2015, approximately \$70 (excluding GST) was spent on office requisites for the Prime Minister's office and approximately \$321 (excluding GST) was spent on office requisites for other portfolio ministers' offices. There may however be additional costs which were incurred during October 2015 pending the acquittal of credit card purchases or which were accrued and paid in a later month.