

**SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS  
ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S PORTFOLIO**

**Program: General**

**Question No. AE17/107**

**Senator Bilyk asked the following question at the hearing on 28 February 2017:**

1. How much did the Department spend on stationery and office supplies (excluding paper) in calendar year 2016 (GST inclusive)?
2. How much did the Department spend on paper in calendar year 2016 (GST inclusive)?
3. What brand of paper does the Department use?
4. Is this paper Australian made?
5. If no, why doesn't the Department buy Australian made paper?

**The answer to the honourable senator's question is as follows:**

1. The total expenditure for stationery and office supplies, including paper, for the Attorney-General's Department (including the Australian Government Solicitor, the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse, and the Royal Commission into the Protection and Detention of Children in the Northern Territory) for the calendar year 2016 was \$860,584 (GST inclusive).

The department does not record expenditure in its accounting system to the level of detail required to provide a response that excludes expenditure on paper, and it would otherwise involve an unreasonable diversion of resources to provide a response to this effect.

2. See answer to question 1.
3. Staples Carbon Neutral 20% Recycled and Reflex Paper.
4. Yes.
5. See answer to question 4.