

**Senate Standing Committee on Economics**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
Innovation, Industry, Science and Research Portfolio  
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**AGENCY/DEPARTMENT:** INNOVATION, INDUSTRY, SCIENCE AND RESEARCH

**TOPIC:** Printer Cartridges

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**QUESTION No.** BI-87

**Senator MILNE**—Do you have any idea how much you are spending on printer cartridges each year?

**Senator Carr**—No, I do not. The officers will no doubt be able to help.

**Mr Paterson**—That is a question we will take on notice.

**ANSWER**

The Department of Innovation, Industry, Science and Research leases Multi Function Devices (MFDs) which provide printing, photocopying and scanning facilities. The cost of toner cartridges for these MFDs is embedded in the quarterly contract costs and therefore cannot be identified.

The Department also purchases printer cartridges for dedicated printers from a number of suppliers. The total amount spent on printer cartridges with these suppliers to date this financial year is \$171,910.57 (inclusive of GST).