

Economics Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Industry, Innovation, Science, Research and Tertiary Education Portfolio
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AGENCY/DEPARTMENT: DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY, INNOVATION, SCIENCE, RESEARCH AND TERTIARY EDUCATION

TOPIC: Stationery Requirements

REFERENCE: Written Question – Senator Bushby

QUESTION No.: BI-193

1. How much was spent by each department and agency on the government (Ministers/Parliamentary Secretaries) stationery requirements in your portfolio (i.e. paper, envelopes, with compliments slips) this financial year to date?
2. What is the department/agency's stationery costs for the financial year to date?
3. What was the department/agency's stationery costs for 2009-10 and 2010-11?

ANSWER

1. Please refer to AI-239 for the figures for the period 1 July 2011 to 29 February 2012. From 1 March 2012 to 31 May 2012 the cost for Ministers/Parliamentary Secretary's stationery requirements was \$703 (GST exclusive).
2. The Portfolio's stationery costs for the current financial year to 31 May 2012 are detailed in the following table.

Department/Agency	2011-12 (GST exclusive)
Department of Industry, Innovation, Science, Research and Tertiary Education	\$649,932
Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies	\$60,540
Australian Institute of Marine Science	\$0
Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation	\$339,640
Australian Research Council	\$23,961
Australian Skills Quality Authority	\$97,372
Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation*	\$5,762,709
IP Australia	\$260,795
Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency	\$22,494

3. The Portfolio's stationery costs for the 2009-10 and 2010-11 financial years are detailed in the following table.

Department/Agency	2009-10 (GST exclusive)	2010-11 (GST exclusive)
Department of Industry, Innovation, Science, Research and Tertiary Education	\$654,860	\$556,918
Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies	\$55,946	\$55,747
Australian Institute of Marine Science	\$0	\$0
Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation	\$501,104	\$431,145
Australian Research Council	\$51,656	\$34,276
Australian Skills Quality Authority (ASQA) ¹	N/A	N/A
Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation*	\$9,205,946	\$8,573,930
IP Australia	\$427,617	\$530,022
Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency (TEQSA) ¹	N/A	N/A

¹ ASQA and TEQSA were established on 1 July 2011.

* The stationery costs for 2009-10, 2010-11 and the 2011-12 financial year to date (as at 31 May 2012) are detailed in the table below. CSIRO has streamlined its procurement practices and entered into an agreement with Corporate Express to be its prime supplier of stationery. The nature of the goods available and purchased under this arrangement is broader than stationery as defined above (i.e. paper, envelopes, with compliments slips) and includes photocopying and printing consumables, minor items of video equipment or other office machinery and small furniture items that are below CSIRO's asset threshold of \$3,000.

In line with CSIRO policy, the procurement activity with Corporate Express is recorded against a single general ledger account that captures all stationery costs and the broader supplies from Corporate Express. The disaggregated stationary specific information is not captured in CSIRO's financial system.