

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**

**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

Supplementary Budget Estimates 15-18 October 2012

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

**Department/Agency:** Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet

**Outcome/Program:** 1.1.3 Support Services for Government Operations

**Topic:** Printing Costs 2011-12

**Senator:** Senator Ryan

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**Question:**

1. How much was spent on printing 2011-12? Of this amount, how much was for printing documents?
2. How many documents (include the amount of copies) were printed in 2011-12? How many of these printed documents were also published online?
3. Of the documents that were printed in 2011-12, where were they delivered and what was the cost?
4. How much has been spent on printing this financial year to date? Of this amount, how much was for printing documents?
5. How many documents (include the amount of copies) have been printed this financial year to date? How many of these printed documents were also published online?

**Answer:**

1. In 2011-12 the Department spent \$372,839.27 (GST exclusive) on printing. Of the total, \$90,074.61 (GST exclusive) was spent on printing documents.
2. The Department does not maintain records in a way that would readily allow further breakdown of this information. To attempt to provide this level of detail would involve an unreasonable diversion of resources.
3. The Department does not record data on delivery of documents in a way which would allow this information to be readily accessible. To attempt to provide this level of detail would involve an unreasonable diversion of resources.

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4. For the period 1 July 2012 to 30 September 2012 the Department spent \$140,389.80 (GST exclusive) on printing. Of the total, \$84,093.06 (GST exclusive) was spent on printing documents.
5. The Department does not maintain records in a way that would readily allow further breakdown of this information. To attempt to provide this level of detail would involve an unreasonable diversion of resources.