

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

Portfolio

Question No. 125

Senator Humphries asked the following question at the hearing on 16 October 2012:

Government stationery requirements

1.
 - a) 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?
 - b) What are the department/agency's stationery costs for the financial year to date?

2.
 - a) 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) in 2011-12?
 - b) What were the department/agency's stationery costs for 2011-12?

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

Australian Government Solicitor (AGS) is a government business enterprise operating on a commercial and competitive basis in providing legal and related services to government and its agencies. AGS does not receive any Budget or other appropriations and its employees are engaged outside of the *Public Service Act 1999*. The question is therefore not applicable to AGS.

1. a) and 2. a)

Please refer to Budget Estimates Hearings response to question number 144. There has been no additional expenditure on Minister's stationery requirements since then.

1. b) and 2. b)

Please see the table of the following page.

Total stationery costs

Agency	Year to Date (1 July 2012 to 30 September 2012)	2011-12 (1 July 2011 to 30 June 2012)
Attorney-General's Department	\$8725.90	\$64,376.55
Australian Crime Commission	\$4,200.13 (GST exc.)	\$15,629.60 (GST exc.)
Australian Customs and Border Protection Service	\$249,472.10	\$1,355,057.58
Australian Federal Police	\$407,574.15 (GST exclusive)	\$2,550,070.58 (GST exclusive)
Australian Human Rights Commission	\$16,474 (Excluding GST)	\$6,678 (Excluding GST)
Australian Institute of Criminology	\$0	\$563
Australian Law Reform Commission	NIL	\$317
Australian Security Intelligence Organisation	\$195,857	\$957,597 This information details ASIO's expenditure against office consumables cost code. This cost code includes expenditure for stationery.
CrimTrac	\$14,513	\$103,869 Please note that Prior to June 2012, printer toners were purchased through stationery.
Family Court of Australia	\$85,386	\$428,828
Family Magistrates Court	\$29,691	\$162,029
Federal Court of Australia	\$4,893	\$11,565
Office of the Australian Information Commissioner	\$7038.81 (Excluding GST)	\$3317.56 (Excluding GST)
The Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions	\$71,668.29 (GST inc)	\$375,594.81 (GST inc)
National Native Title Tribunal	Please note: From 1 July 2012 the National Native Title	\$ 9,058.77

	<p>Tribunal is no longer a Financial Management and Accountability Act 1997 Agency, and is funded to carry out its functions as a sub-program of the Federal Court of Australia's appropriation.</p> <p>For question one, please refer to the Federal Court's response</p>	
--	--	--