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Outcome Number: Cross Outcome - Across Programs

Question No: SQ17-000223

Topic: Gifts

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Senator Catryna Bilyk asked:

1. What was the total cost (GST inclusive) of all gifts purchased for use by departmental officials in calendar year 2016?
2. Can an itemised list of gifts and costs thereof (GST inclusive) please be provided?
3. Who was the recipient of each gift?
4. For what purpose was each gift given?
5. What was the total cost (GST inclusive) of all gifts purchased for use by Ministers in the portfolio in calendar year 2016?
6. Can an itemised list of gifts and costs thereof (GST inclusive) please be provided?
7. Which Minister gave each gift?
8. Who was the recipient of each gift?
9. For what purpose was each gift given?

Answer:

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During the 2016 calendar year, the Department of Social Services (the Department) recorded gifts with an individual value of \$50 or greater on a departmental gift register, in line with the Department's Giving and Receiving Gifts Policy. The total cost (GST inclusive) of recorded gifts purchased for use by departmental officials was \$2005.96.

The itemised list of gifts purchased for use by departmental officials with an individual value of \$50 or greater is as follows:

Recipient of gift	Purpose of gift	Gift	Cost (GST Inclusive)
Carers	To compensate carers for their time participating in interviews for the carer support service system.	x13 Gift Cards	Each card: \$52.22 Total: \$678.96
Head of Delegation, Child Support Agency South Korea	Customary gift	x1 Indigenous silk scarf large	\$95
2016 Longitudinal Data Conference keynote speakers	Gift for presenting keynote address	x14 glass ornaments	Each gift: \$88 Total: \$1232

Answer: 5 -9

The Department does not purchase gifts for use by Ministers.