

Senate Community Affairs Committee
ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Question No: 411

Topic: Shredders

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Senator Boyce asked:

Has the department/agencies purchased any shredders since Budget Estimates 2011-12 (May 2012)? If yes, provide details of how many shredders were purchased, the cost of each shredder, why each new shredder was needed and the purpose for which the shredder is to be used.

Answer:

For the period 1 May 2012 to 30 September 2012, FaHCSIA purchased a total of 13 Security Construction Equipment Committee (SCEC) endorsed paper shredders at a total cost of \$59,108.50 (GST Inclusive).

The cost of each shredder purchased during this period varies between \$4,394 and \$5,054 (GST Inclusive) depending on size and class.

SCEC endorsed paper shredders are used for the destruction of information classified Protected and above, including Sensitive: Cabinet information.

Shredding machines are approved by the SCEC on the basis of their fitness for security purposes. The guidelines on the use of shredding machines are outlined in the Attorney-General's Department Security Circulars No 52 and No 73.

Information from the Portfolio agencies is not able to be provided without the use of significant resources.