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Australia Post

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Topic: Plants and Gardens

Senator Urquhart, Anne asked:

1. What was the total cost (GST inclusive) of acquiring and maintaining indoor plants for all Australia Post premises in calendar year 2016?
2. What was the total cost (GST inclusive) of external gardens and landscaping for all Australia Post premises in calendar year 2016?

Answer:

1. The total costs of acquiring and maintaining indoor plants for all Australia Post premises in calendar year 2016 was approximately \$442,000 (GST inclusive). The use of plants in Australia Post premises is necessary for two energy rating measures:
 - 5 Star Green Star Rating: Green Building Council of Australia; and
 - 4.5 Star NABERS rating (National Australian Building Energy Rating System) which is reviewed annually.Certain State Government tenants require no less than a 4.5 Star NABERS rating when leasing our properties.
2. The total cost of external gardens and landscaping for all Australia Post premises works was approximately \$2.1 million (GST inclusive).