

Senate Standing Committee on Economics

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13 – 14 February 2013

Question: AET 727-728

Topic: Coffee Machines (PC)

Written: Received from Committee – 22 February 2013

Senator BUSHBY asked:

727. Has the Department/Agency purchased coffee machines for staff usage? If yes, provide a list that includes the type of coffee machine, the cost, the amount, and any ongoing costs such as purchase of coffee or coffee pods and when the machine was purchased.
- a. Why were coffee machines purchased?
 - b. Has there been a noticeable difference in staff productivity since coffee machines were purchased?
 - I. Are staff leaving the office premises less during business hours as a result?
 - c. Where did the funding for the coffee machines come from?
 - d. Who is responsible for the maintenance of the coffee machines?
 - I. How much was spent on maintenance in this financial year to date (22 February 2013) - include a list of what maintenance has been undertaken.
 - II. Where does the funding for maintenance come from?
 - e. What are the ongoing costs of the coffee machines, such as the cost of coffee?
728. Does the Department/Agency rent coffee machines for staff usage? If yes, provide a list that includes the type of coffee machine, the cost, the amount, and any ongoing costs such as purchase of coffee or coffee pods and when the machine was purchased.
- a. Why are coffee machines rented?
 - b. Has there been a noticeable difference in staff productivity since coffee machines were rented?
 - I. Are staff leaving the office premises less during business hours as a result?
 - c. Where does the funding for renting the coffee machines come from?
 - d. Who is responsible for the maintenance of the rented coffee machines?
 - I. How much was spent on maintenance in this financial year to date (22 February 2013) - include a list of what maintenance has been undertaken.
 - II. Where does the funding for maintenance come from?
 - e. What are the ongoing costs of the rented coffee machine, such as the cost of coffee?

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Answer:

727. Yes. Two Delonghi 'Lattissima' Nespresso machines purchased on 10 January 2013 for \$426.36 (ex GST) each. There are no ongoing costs with staff providing their own coffee for use in the machines.
- a. Staff amenity.
 - b. There is no record available to answer this question.
 - i. The machines are being used by a number of staff and it is reasonable to assume their use has replaced purchases from commercial suppliers outside the workplace.
 - c. Funds appropriated for the Commission's running costs.
 - d. Maintenance, if required, is carried out by users.
 - i. Nil.
 - ii. Not applicable.
 - e. Nil.
728. No.