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Question: AET 921-922

Topic: Coffee machines (ATO)

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Senator BUSHBY asked:

921. 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?
922. 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:

921. In 2008 the ATO purchased three coffee machines:

- one coffee machine as part of the cafeteria contract in the ATO's Penrith office, which is operated by an external business
- two coffee drip machines for the Commissioner's corporate space.

The purchase of the coffee machines was funded out of the ATO's departmental appropriation for the year in which they were purchased.

The ATO has not made any new purchases of coffee machines for general staff use.

The coffee machine in Penrith which is no longer in use was purchased as part of the cafeteria contract, therefore staff productivity has not been measured.

Year of purchase	Location	Purpose	Equipment	Initial cost	Ongoing costs
2008	Commissioner's corporate space (Canberra)	To be used to cater for corporate meetings and functions	Deltronic airpot brewer x 2 Airpot s/steel x 4 Filter papers x1,000	\$1,617.50	Maintenance of the brewers is managed internally by executive support staff in the Office of the Commissioners. There has been no expenditure on maintenance since the purchase of the brewers in 2008.
2008	ATO Penrith office Cafeteria	Original machine purchased as part of new building in 1995. It became unserviceable in 2008. Under the cafeteria licence, the ATO was required to replace it.	La Spaziale Coffee Machine	\$6,526.00	ATO incurred the initial outlay to acquire the equipment. Maintenance of the equipment has been the responsibility of the cafeteria operator. This machine is now not in use as the cafeteria operator has provided a new machine. The ATO coffee machine is being prepared for disposal.

922. The ATO does not rent coffee machines for staff usage.