

**Economics Legislation Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
Industry, Innovation and Science Portfolio  
2016 - 2017 Additional Estimates  
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**DEPARTMENT:** DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY, INNOVATION AND SCIENCE

**TOPIC:** Gifts

**REFERENCE:** Written Question – Senator Bilyk

**QUESTION No.:** AI-95

- 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**

1-4: Minor Gifts (e.g. chocolates, memorabilia, flowers) may be purchased in accordance with the departmental policy on gifting, which prescribes that gifts must withhold public scrutiny, promote government objectives, services or programs; and facilitate public business.

The total amount spent on gifts in the 2016 calendar year was \$1,708.37 (GST inclusive). The department does not maintain an itemised list of all gifts purchased. To do this would require an officer to manually review and extract data. Due to the time this would take, the department considers this to be an unreasonable diversion of resources.

5-6: The total amount spent on gifts in the 2016 calendar year, purchased through the department for use by Ministers was zero.