

**Senate Standing Committee on Economics**

**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**Treasury Portfolio**

Supplementary Budget Estimates

17 October – 18 October 2012

**Question:** SBT 1715-1716

**Topic:** Shredders (ABS)

**Written:** Received from Committee – 26 October 2012

**Senator BUSHBY asked:**

1715. Did the department/agencies purchase any shredders in 2011-12? 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.
1716. 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:**

1715. Yes.

494 Fellow P48C shredders

\$92.94 + GST (\$50,503.59)

The ABS Population Survey Program purchased the shredders for interviewers running remote locality home offices where confidential respondent data must be destroyed.

1716. No, the ABS has not purchased any shredders since budget estimates 2011 – 2012.