

Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications

Answers to Senate Estimates Questions on Notice

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Communications Portfolio

Australia Post

Question No: 174

Program No. Australia Post

Hansard Ref: In Writing

Topic: Coffee Machines

Senator Ludwig asked:

1. Has the Department/Agency purchased coffee machines for staff usage since Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013?
 - a. 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?
 - b. Why were coffee machines purchased?
 - c. Has there been a noticeable difference in staff productivity since coffee machines were purchased? Are staff leaving the office premises less during business hours as a result?
 - d. Where did the funding for the coffee machines come from?
 - e. Who has access?
 - f. Who is responsible for the maintenance of the coffee machines? How much was spent on maintenance from Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date, include a list of what maintenance has been undertaken. Where does the funding for maintenance come from?
 - g. What are the ongoing costs of the coffee machine, such as the cost of coffee?
2. Does the Department/Agency rent coffee machines for staff useage?
 - a. 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.
 - b. Why are coffee machines rented?
 - c. Has there been a noticeable difference in staff productivity since coffee machines were rented? Are staff leaving the office premises less during business hours as a result?
 - d. Where does the funding for the coffee machines come from?
 - e. Who has access?
 - f. Who is responsible for the maintenance of the coffee machines? How much was spent on maintenance from Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date, include a list of what maintenance has been undertaken. Where does the funding for maintenance come from?
 - g. What are the ongoing costs of the coffee machine, such as the cost of coffee?

Answer:

- 1-2. Managers at the local level may purchase or rent coffee machines for staff use. The specific details sought about coffee machines across the entire corporation are not captured on any central database. As such, Australia Post is not in a position to provide the information requested.