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Answers to questions on notice **Environment portfolio**

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Senator Urquhart asked:

I understand that a number of Ministers, or their offices, have required new crockery and cutlery for ministerial suites. Has that happened in this portfolio. If so, how was it funded and how was the cost met (which budget did the funding come from – the minister's office budget or the department). What is the basis for approving this sort of purchase.

Answer:

Neither the Department nor its portfolio agencies have purchased crockery or cutlery for its Minister or Parliamentary Secretary Offices.