

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee  
—Budget Estimates Hearing—May 2014**

**Answers to Questions on Notice**

**Parliamentary departments, Department of Parliamentary Services**

Topic: **Coffee machines**

Question: **272**

Written: **Senator Ludwig**

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1. Has the department/agency purchased coffee machines for staff useage since Additional Estimates in February, 2014?
  - 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 Additional Estimates in February, 2014 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. Since Additional Estimates in February, 2014, has the department/agency rented or leased any 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 Additional Estimates in February, 2014 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. No.
2. No.