

**Senate Standing Committee on Finance and Public Administration**

**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**Department of the Senate**

**Budget Estimates**

**26-30 May 2014**

**Question: 73**  
**Topic: Coffee machines**  
**Written: 12 June 2014**

**Senator LUDWIG asked:**

1. Has the department/agency purchased coffee machines for staff usage 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 usage?
  - 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:**

The department has not purchased or rented coffee machines for employee usage.