

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS
ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT

Portfolio

Question No. 164

Senator Humphries asked the following question at the hearing on 24 May 2012:

Shredders

Has the department/agencies purchased any shredders in the last 12 months? If yes, provide details of:

- a) how many shredders were purchased,
- b) the cost of each shredder,
- c) why each new shredder was needed and
- d) the purpose for which the shredder is to be used.

The answer to the honourable senator's question is as follows:

Attorney-General's Department

- a) Four.
- b) \$2,000 each including GST
- c) This equipment was purchased to meet business requirements.
- d) Shredders are used for the destruction of classified documents in accordance with the Government's *Protective Security Policy Framework*.

Administrative Appeals Tribunal

- a) One
- b) \$1,713.80 inclusive of GST
- c) This equipment was purchased to meet business requirements.
- d) Shredders are used for the destruction of classified documents in accordance with the Government's *Protective Security Policy Framework*.

Australian Government Solicitor (AGS)

- a) One.
- b) \$1,945 (excluding GST)
- c) This equipment was purchased to meet AGS business requirements.
- d) The shredder is used for the destruction of classified documents in accordance with the Government's *Protective Security Policy Framework*.

AUSTRAC

- a) One.
- b) \$1,348.00 (excluding GST).

- c) This equipment was purchased to meet business expanded operational requirements.
- d) Shredders are used for the destruction of classified documents in accordance with the *Australian Government Protective Security Policy Framework*.

Australian Federal Police

- a) Since 1 July 2011 to 30 April 2012, 12 shredders have been purchased by the AFP.
- b) Each shredder had a unique purchase price; however, the average cost of the shredders purchased since 1 July 2011 to 30 April 2012 was \$4,385.22.
- c) This equipment was purchased to meet business requirements.
- d) Shredders are used for the destruction of classified documents in accordance with the Government's *Protective Security Policy Framework* and some unclassified material.

Australian Customs and Border Protection Service

- a) 118.
- b) Approximately \$5,373.00 each.
- c) An audit was undertaken of all shredders across Customs and Border Protection to determine compliance with the Protective Security Policy Framework (PSPF). Of the 250 shredders in the agency it was identified that 118 were either at end of life or did not comply with the PSPF. These 118 units were replaced.
- c) Shredders are used for the destruction of classified documents in accordance with the Government's *Protective Security Policy Framework*.

Insolvency and Trustee Service Australia:

- a) One.
- b) \$268.
- c) This equipment was purchased to meet business requirements.
- d) Shredders are used for the destruction of classified documents in accordance with the Government's *Protective Security Policy Framework*.

Australian Security Intelligence Organisation

- a) Nine shredders were purchased in the last 12 months.
- b) The total cost of the nine shredders is \$41,931. The costs ranged from \$353 to \$7,215.
- c) This equipment was purchased to meet business requirements.

d) Shredders are used for the destruction of classified documents in accordance with the Government's *Protective Security Policy Framework*.

Federal Magistrates Court

a) Two.

b) \$1,540 and \$2,700 excluding GST.

c) This equipment was purchased to meet business requirements.

d) Shredders are used for the destruction of classified documents in accordance with the Government's *Protective Security Policy Framework*.

Australian Crime Commission

a) Three.

b) One Shredder @ \$2,029; One Bulk Volume Shredder @ \$8,840; One Shredder @ \$2,980.

c) This equipment was purchased to meet business requirements for secure destruction of classified material.

d) Shredders are used for the destruction of classified documents in accordance with the *Australian Government Protective Security Policy Framework*.

All other Attorney-General's Portfolio Agencies identified that they had not purchased shredders in the specified time period.