

**Senate Standing Committee on Economics**

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**Question:** BR65  
**Topic:** Shredders  
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**Senator Bushby asked:**

Has the department/agencies purchased any shredders in the last 12 months? If yes, provide details of how many shredders were purchased, the cost of each shredder, why each new shredder was needed and the purpose for which the shredder is to be used.

**Answer:**

***Department***

The Department has purchased 3 shredders since 1 July 2011. The shredders cost \$6,946.50, \$6,649.50 and \$2,088.90 (inclusive of GST). One shredder replaced an old, broken one; the other two were to cater for new requirements. The shredders are used to dispose of security classified and sensitive documents in accordance with departmental policy.

***Tourism Australia***

Tourism Australia did not purchase any shredders during the 2011-12 financial year.

***Geoscience Australia***

Geoscience Australia did not purchase any shredders during the 2011-12 financial year.