

## Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee

### ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES - 27 FEBRUARY 2014 ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

#### Department of Human Services

**Topic:** Office Plants

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**Senator:** Ludwig

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#### **Question:**

Since 7 September 2013 has the department/agency purchased or leased any new office plants?

- a) If so, list these.
- b) If so, list the total cost for these items.
- c) If so, list the itemised cost for each item of expenditure.
- d) If so, where were these purchased?
- e) If so, list the process for identifying how they would be purchased.
- f) If so, what is the current location for these items?

#### **Answer:**

- a) and b) The department has not purchased any new office plants since 7 September 2013. Between 7 September 2013 and 27 February 2014, the department leased indoor plants, as outlined in Attachment A.
- c) The information available on indoor plant hire does not itemise the costs.
- d) The indoor plants were leased from the following suppliers:
  - Alice Springs Nursery
  - Bloomin Deserts
  - Bretts Plants
  - D & J Palms Pty Ltd
  - Evergreen Interiors
  - Frenchams
  - Frenchams Qld
  - Galea's Concrete Creations
  - Gladstone Rent-A-Plant
  - Gone Potty Indoor Plant Hire
  - In' Plants
  - Instyle Indoor Plant Hire
  - Interior Plant Hire & Sales

- Kerry's Indoor Plant Hire
  - Living Green Indoor Plant Hire
  - Living Simply
  - Mount Isa Indoor Plant Hire
  - Oasis Palm Hire
  - Palmistree Indoor Plant Hire
  - Plantability Constructions Pty Ltd
  - Plantscape Indoor Plant Service
  - Quality Indoor Plants Hire
  - Red Cedars Indoor Plant Hire
  - Redland Grove Plant Nursery Pty Ltd
  - Tropical Plant Rentals
- e) The department's indoor plant hire and maintenance requirements are primarily related to legacy arrangements for existing leases. As the opportunities present, the department is progressively renegotiating these arrangements to no longer incorporate indoor plants, and therefore no longer require the ongoing expenditure. Indoor plant hire and maintenance that is required is purchased either through a purchase order or via a departmental credit card, whichever is most cost effective for the particular purchase.
- f) See Attachment A.