

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**SOCIAL SERVICES PORTFOLIO**  
**2015-16 Additional Estimates Hearings**

**Outcome Number: Cross Outcome - Across Programmes      Question No: SQ16-000021**

**Topic: Kitchen Appliances**

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**Senator Joe Ludwig asked:**

Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015:

1. Has the department/agency purchased, leased or rented any kitchen appliances over the value of \$1000?

a. If yes, provide a list that includes the type of appliance, the cost, the amount, and any ongoing costs such as purchase of consumables and when the appliance was purchased?

b. Why were the appliances purchased?

c. Has there been a noticeable difference in staff productivity since the appliances were purchased? Are staff leaving the office premises less during business hours as a result?

d. Where did the funding for the appliances come from?

e. Who has access?

f. Who is responsible for the maintenance of the appliances? How much was spent on maintenance, include a list of what maintenance has been undertaken. Where does the funding for maintenance come from?

g. What are the other ongoing costs of the appliances?

**Answer:**

1. Yes

a. One dishwasher was purchased for \$1,700 in December 2015. There are no ongoing costs.

b. Replacement item.

c. Not applicable.

d. Funded within existing departmental budget.

e. All floor occupants.

f. Department of Social Services.

g. Nil.