

Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee

SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES - 21 NOVEMBER 2013 ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Department of Human Services

Topic: Coffee Machines

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Question:

- a) Has the department/agency purchased coffee machines for staff usage since 7 September 2013?
 - i) 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?
 - ii) Why were coffee machines purchased?
 - iii) 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?
 - iv) Where did the funding for the coffee machines come from?
 - v) Who has access?
 - vi) Who is responsible for the maintenance of the coffee machines? How much was spent on maintenance in from 7 September 2013 to date, include a list of what maintenance has been undertaken. Where does the funding for maintenance come from?
 - vii) What are the ongoing costs of the coffee machine, such as the cost of coffee?
- b) Does the department/agency rent coffee machines for staff usage?
 - i) 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.
 - ii) Why are coffee machines rented?
 - iii) 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?
 - iv) Where does the funding for the coffee machines come from?
 - v) Who has access?
 - vi) Who is responsible for the maintenance of the coffee machines? How much was spent on maintenance in from 7 September 2013 to date, include a list of what maintenance has been undertaken. Where does the funding for maintenance come from?
 - vii) What are the ongoing costs of the coffee machine, such as the cost of coffee?

Answer:

- a) The department has not purchased coffee machines for staff usage since 7 September 2013.
- b) The department does not rent coffee machines.