

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**SOCIAL SERVICES PORTFOLIO**  
**2014-15 Supplementary Estimates Hearings**

**Outcome Number:** Cross Outcome - Across Programs

**Question No:** 162

**Topic:** Coffee Machines

**Hansard Page:** Written

**Senator Ludwig** asked:

Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014:

1. Has the department/agency purchased, leased or rented any coffee machines for staff useage?

(a) 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?

(b) Why were coffee machines purchased?

(c) 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?

(d) Where did the funding for the coffee machines come from?

(e) Who has access?

(f) Who is responsible for the maintenance of the coffee machines? 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 ongoing costs of the coffee machine, such as the cost of coffee?

**Answer:**

**Department of Social Services**

1. Yes

a. Type: SAECO machine, Purchase cost: \$650, Amount of machines: one machine only, Ongoing costs: coffee, milk & sugar costs \$282 per annum, When purchased: August 2014.

b. As a replacement machine.

c. Not Applicable.

d. departmental funds.

e. Staff of the Executive. The machine is used to provide coffee for external visitors to the Department.

f. General maintenance is carried out by executive assistants in the area.

g. See response 1a.