

Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications

Answers to Senate Estimates Questions on Notice

Additional Estimates Hearings February 2016

Communications Portfolio

Department of Communications and the Arts

Question No: 231(a)

Program 1.1

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Topic: Office Plants

Senator Ludwig, Joe asked:

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

1. Has the department/agency purchased or leased any 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:

1. The Department leased office plants for each of its buildings.
 - (a) and (b) The total expense for these items at each location are:

Premise	Total Lease Cost (GST Exc) (Sept 15 to Jan 16)
38 Sydney Avenue, Canberra	\$9,311
St Martin's Tower, Sydney	\$191
Melbourne Central Tower, Melbourne	\$382
Total	\$9,884

- (c) This level of detail is not captured by the Department's Financial Management Information System, the Department is billed separately monthly for each location.
- (d) All the office plants are leased.
- (e) Not applicable.
- (f) Location detail provided above under (a) – (b).