

Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications
Legislation Committee
Answers to questions on notice
Environment portfolio

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Outcome: Corporate
Programme: Corporate Strategies Division (CSD)
Topic: Kitchen Appliances
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Question Type: Written

Senator 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:

Sydney Harbour Federation Trust

The Sydney Harbour Federation Trust is a fully self funding Government entity. It receives no recurrent operational funding from the Commonwealth. It generates revenue from the commercial activities on its sites to covers its operating costs, including suppliers and employee-related expenses.

- a) Saeco Idea Coffee Machine - \$7,270
- b) It was purchased as a replacement.
- c) Yes.
- d) The coffee machine was purchased from own source income and a contribution from the staff social club.
- e) All staff have access.

- f) Corporate Services is responsible for any maintenance of the coffee machine.
- g) Nil.

The Department and the remaining portfolio agencies have not purchased/leased/rented any kitchen appliances over the value of \$1,000 since 14 September 2015.