

**Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications
Legislation Committee**

Answers to questions on notice

Environment and Energy portfolio

Question No: 180

Hearing: Additional Estimates

Outcome: Corporate

Program: Corporate Strategies Division (CSD)

Topic: Gifts – Department

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Question Type: Written

Senator Bilyk asked:

What was the total cost (GST inclusive) of all gifts purchased for use by departmental officials in calendar year 2016?

Can an itemised list of gifts and costs thereof (GST inclusive) please be provided?

Who was the recipient of each gift?

For what purpose was each gift given?

Answer:

The total cost (GST inclusive) of all gifts purchased for use by departmental officials in calendar year 2016 is \$3105.41.

Please refer to **Attachment A**.

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Attachment A

Item	Cost	Recipient	Purpose
4 x Tasmanian lark whisky	\$165 each \$660 total	Australian observers conducting on-ground inspections of Antarctic Stations at the South Pole, McMurdo Station (United States) and Scott Base (New Zealand)	Gift to Australian observers
Huon pine box	\$65	Masdar Institute of Science and Technology	Gift during a visit by the Director of the Australian Antarctic Division
21 x boxed sets of coasters	\$45 each \$945 total	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Governor-General • Chief of Defence Force • Chinese Arctic and Antarctic Administration • Polar Research Institute of China • State Oceanic Administration, China • Consulate General of Polar Research Institute of China in Australia • Chinese Embassy • National Institute of Fisheries Science, Korea • British Antarctic Survey • Ambassador of Switzerland • Deputy Head • Frederik Paulsen • Commissioner of South Georgia • Ambassador of Finland • Consul-General designate – Mumbai • French Ambassador to Australia 	Gifts for visits by recipients

Item	Cost	Recipient	Purpose
5 x Glass plates	\$63 each \$315 total	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> National People's Congress of China National Institute of Fisheries Science, Korea Chinese Arctic and Antarctic Administration Ministry of Foreign Affairs, China State Oceanic Administration, China 	Gifts for visits by recipients
3 x framed Gracius Broinowski art prints	\$359.52 each \$1078.56 total	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr Akihiro Ueda, Wildlife Division, Nature Conservation Bureau, Ministry of the Environment, Japan Dr Dehui Zhang, Director, Division of Wildlife Conservation, Department of Wildlife Conservation and Nature Reserve Administration, State Forestry Administration of P.R. China Mr Noh Hee Kyong, Director, Biodiversity Division, Ministry of Environment, Korea 	By rotation, Australia hosted the 2016 bilateral migratory bird agreement consultative meetings between the Governments of Japan, China and the Republic of Korea. The meetings between all four countries occurred in Cairns from 25 - 28 October 2016. The purpose of the meetings was to discuss the implementation of the agreements and plan future collaborative activities to enhance the conservation of migratory birds. Gifts are traditionally exchanged at the conclusion of each meeting between the Heads of Delegation.
Plants	\$41.85	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Richard Bell Yidinji 	Gifts for speaker and special guests for NAIDOC Week
Total	\$3105.41		