

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

Answers to questions on notice  
**Environment and Energy portfolio**

**Question No:** 183  
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**Outcome:** Corporate  
**Program:** Corporate Strategies Division (CSD)  
**Topic:** Water Coolers – Minister’s Office  
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**Senator Bilyk asked:**

What was the total cost (GST inclusive) of providing water coolers to ministerial offices in calendar year 2016? Please provide a breakdown of costs for acquiring and maintaining/resupplying water coolers.

**Answer:**

The total cost of providing and maintaining water coolers in the Minister’s Office for the 2016 calendar year was \$647.80 including GST. The Minister’s office receives a quarterly invoice of \$158.00 including GST for water coolers which does not separate costs for acquisition and maintenance.