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Senator Bilyk asked:

Have the facilities of any of the Department's premises been upgraded since 1 October 2016, for example, staff room refurbishments, kitchen refurbishments, bathroom refurbishments, the purchase of any new fridges, coffee machines, or other kitchen equipment?

If so, can a detailed description of the relevant facilities upgrade please be provided together with an itemised list of costs (GST inclusive)? Can any photographs of the upgraded facilities please be provided?

Answer:

In 2016, the Department purchased 20 sandwich presses (\$70.61 each) and 20 microwaves (\$172.85 each) at a total cost of \$4,869.20. These items are used in staff kitchenette areas throughout various buildings. These were to replace existing items that have come to the end of their useful life or no longer working.

In 2016, a departmental building in Hobart for the Australian Antarctic Division (Mawson Building) underwent a project where upgrades were made to align workgroups in a more efficient and accessible space for staff. This included:

- Replacing carpet past its life under the Lease
- Replacing ceiling tiles with new ones
- Modifying the lighting grid to match new work point arrangements
- Install glazed walls
- Install plasterboard walls
- Install new doors in various areas (glass and standard)
- Electrical and data work
- Install security swipe points and associated cabling
- Demolition work

The total cost for the project was \$79,000.