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Answers to Senate Estimates Questions on Notice
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Communications Portfolio
Australia Post

Question No: 380

Program No: Australia Post

Hansard Ref: In Writing

Topic: Coffee machines

Senator Ludwig asked:

Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014:

1. Has the department/agency purchased, leased or rented any coffee machines for staff usage?
 1. If yes, provide a list that includes the type of coffee machine, the cost, the amount, and any ongoing costs such as purchase of coffee or coffee pods and when the machine was purchased?
 2. Why were coffee machines purchased?
 3. Has there been a noticeable difference in staff productivity since coffee machines were purchased? Are staff leaving the office premises less during business hours as a result?
 4. Where did the funding for the coffee machines come from?
 5. Who has access?
 6. Who is responsible for the maintenance of the coffee machines? How much was spent on maintenance, include a list of what maintenance has been undertaken. Where does the funding for maintenance come from?
 7. What are the ongoing costs of the coffee machine, such as the cost of coffee?

Answer:

Managers at the local level may purchase, lease or rent coffee machines for staff use. The specific details sought about coffee machines across the entire corporation are not captured on any central database. As such, Australia Post is not in a position to provide the information requested.