

Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications

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Question No: 536

Program No. Special Broadcasting Service

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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?
What are the ongoing costs of the coffee machine, such as the cost of coffee?

Answer

1. Yes
 1. One Nespresso Tower CS220 Coffee Machine for the Audio Language Content Division (ALC). It is rented at a cost of \$882.00 per quarter. There are no ongoing costs for coffee or coffee pods. These are paid for by staff at their own expense. There was also a Breville coffee machine purchased for \$271.82 for the Finance area. Again there are no ongoing costs as coffee or coffee pods are purchased by staff at their own cost.
 2. Due to the nature of the ALC Division and Finance division, a significant number of staff work outside normal business hours. 80% of staff in ALC being production staff (either producing or broadcasting live radio programs) and increasingly the Finance staff are working outside normal working hours to ensure deadlines can be met for reporting purposes.
 3. Facilitating staff access to coffee has improved both morale and productivity within the divisions.
 4. The ALC Division has provided for the lease of the equipment in its annual budget and the Finance Division had available funds in its budget for the one off cost.

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5. All SBS staff have access to these coffee machines – however they need to provide their own coffee.
6. SBS is responsible for the maintenance of the coffee machines. There has been no maintenance cost to date. If required, this would be paid for within the ALC and Finance Division budgets.

Outside of repairs and maintenance, there are no ongoing costs for the coffee machines. All coffee or coffee pods are purchased by staff at their own cost.