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Answers to Senate Estimates Questions on Notice
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Communications Portfolio
Australian Broadcasting Corporation

Question No: 649

Program No. Australian Broadcasting Corporation

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?
 - a) 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?
 - b) Why were coffee machines purchased?
 - c) 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?
 - d) Where did the funding for the coffee machines come from?
 - e) Who has access?
 - f) 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?
 - g) What are the ongoing costs of the coffee machine, such as the cost of coffee?

Answer:

1. Between June and November 2014, the ABC purchased one coffee machine.
 - a. One Nespresso Coffee Machine valued at \$309.05 was purchased on 23 June 2014. Annual estimate of coffee pods is \$105 for hospitality purposes.
 - b. To provide hospitality to guests visiting the ABC.
 - c. The machine was purchased for hospitality purposes, though staff may use the machine if they purchase their own coffee pods. The ABC is unable to quantify whether this has resulted in fewer staff leaving the premises during business hours.
 - d. The ABC funded the purchase.
 - e. Television's Arts and Entertainment departments have access to this machine.
 - f. No maintenance has been undertaken.
 - g. See response above at 1(a).