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ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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AGENCY/DEPARTMENT: DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY, INNOVATION AND SCIENCE

TOPIC: Office of North Australia (ONA)

REFERENCE: Written Question - Senator Ketter

QUESTION No.: AI-171

- 1) Does any office use a garden service for indoor or outdoor pot plants/flowers maintenance?
 - a. Who are the contracts with?
 - b. How much does each contract cost?
 - c. How often do they visit?
- 2) Have any floral displays or indoor plants or pot plants been hired or leased for display in any offices?
 - a. Who were the contracts with?
 - b. How much was each contract cost?
- 3) What was the total cost of all subscriptions by you and your staff to online news services, newspapers, magazines, journals and periodicals from 1 January 2016?
 - a. What are these services / newspapers / magazines / journals / periodicals?
- 4) What was the total value of all gifts purchased for use by the department since 1 January 2016?
 - a. What were the gifts purchased?
 - i. Who were they gifted to?
- 5) Do you purchase bottled water or provide coolers for your department?
 - a. What is the monthly cost of this?
- 6) Do you provide fruit for your department?
 - a. What is the monthly cost of this?
- 7) What is the total bill for your department since 1 January 2016:
 - a. Taxi hire
 - b. Limousine hire
 - c. Private hire care
 - d. Hire car rental
 - e. Ridesharing services
- 8) How many media or public relations advisers are employed in the department?
- 9) What is the forecast for the current financial year for the number of media or public relations advisers to be employed and their total cost?
- 10) What is the total cost of media monitoring services used by Department?
- 11) How much did your department spend on Facebook advertising or sponsored posts in 2015-16?
- 12) How much has the Department spend in legal costs since 1 January 2016?
 - a. For what specific purposes or matters was legal advice sought?
- 13) Has the Department engaged any consultants to provide the following services or advice since 1 January 2016?
 - a. Social media
 - i. And the cost of these services
 - b. Photography
 - i. And the cost of these services
 - c. Acting training
 - i. And the cost of these services
 - d. Ergonomics

- i. And the cost of these services
- 14) Have any staff who received a redundancy from the Department in the last two years undertaken any paid work or provided any paid services for the Department?
 - a. What was the nature of these works/services?
 - b. What was the total cost of these works or services?
- 15) How many redundancies were processed by the Department since 1 January 2016?
 - a. Of these redundancies, how many were:
 - i. Voluntary?
 - ii. Forced?
 - b. What was the total cost of all redundancies?
- 16) Does the department have an iTunes account?
 - a. What is the total expenditure since 2016 on iTunes?
 - i. What applications/subscriptions/services were purchased through iTunes? 131.
- 17) Does the department have an Android account?
 - a. What was the total expenditure in 2015-16 on Android?
 - b. What applications/subscriptions/services were purchased through Android?
- 18) What were the top 20 most utilised (by data sent and received) unique domain names accessed by the department this year?
- 19) What were the top 20 most accessed (by number of times accessed) unique domain names accessed by the department this year?
- 20) How much is spent on tea/coffee/milk for staff?
- 21) Does any office have coffee machines?
 - a. How many?
 - b. What was their purchase cost?
 - c. What is their maintenance cost?
 - d. Who has access to them?
- 22) How many mobile phones are given to staff?
 - a. How many new mobile phones in the last year?
 - b. What is the total cost of these phones?
 - c. How many had to be replaced due to damage?
 - d. How many were reported as lost?
- 23) How many tablets are given to staff?
 - a. How many new tablets in the last year?
 - b. What is the total cost of these tablets?
 - c. How many had to be replaced due to damage?
 - d. How many were reported as lost?
- 24) How many people have both a smart phone and a tablet?
 - a. What is the lowest ranked official who has both a work smart phone and tablet?
- 25) How many staff overspent on their phone or tablet data bill?
 - a. By how much?
 - b. What was the average cost of data bills for tablets and mobile phones?
 - c. What was the highest monthly cost?
- 26) What was the annual cost of stationary?
- 27) What brand of paper does the Department use?
 - a. Is this paper Australian made?
- 28) Were any refurbishments on office buildings carried out in the last year?
 - a. What were they?
 - b. What was the cost?
- 29) Were any internal fitouts/maintenance carried out on office buildings in the last year?
 - a. What was the cost?
- 30) How many functions did the Department cater for since 1 January 2016?
 - a. List of functions,
 - b. List of attendees including departmental officials and members of the Minister's family or personal staff;

- c. Function venue;
 - d. Itemised list of costs;
 - e. Details of any food served;
 - f. Details of any wines or champagnes served including brand and vintage;
 - g. Details of any spirits served including brand and vintage;
 - h. Details of any floral arrangements or other decorations; and
 - i. Details of any entertainment provided.
- 31) Please provide a list of all statutory, board and legislated office vacancies and other significant appointments vacancies within the department, including length of time vacant and current acting arrangements.
- 32) How much has the Department spent on media monitoring since 1 January 2016?
- a. Please provide a list of all Contact Notice IDs for the Austender website in relation to media monitoring contracts.
- 33) How much has the Department spent on advertising and information campaigns since 1 January 2016?
- a. Please provide a list of all Contract Notice IDs for the Austender website in relation to advertising and information campaign contracts please be provided.
- 34) Were any members of your department charged with fraud?
- a. How many staff members?
 - b. What disciplinary action was taken?
- 35) Has the Department undertaken / contracted any market research in the last 12 months?
- a. With whom?
 - b. For what?
 - c. What was the value of the contract?
- 36) The board of the Townsville CRC has been recently announced, what is the salary of each member of the Townsville CRC Board?
- a. What bonuses are board members entitled to receive?
 - b. What internal committees (eg audit committees) are each member of the board appointed to and what are their roles?
- 37) Without a confirmed location for the Townsville CRC where are board members currently meeting and where is the Townsville CRC doing business?

ANSWER

- 1-35 – As the Office of Northern Australia is a division of the department, to provide the level of detail requested would be an unreasonable diversion of resources. Similar questions have been asked of the department as a whole and will be available on the committee website once published.
- 36 – The Cooperative Research Centre (CRC) for Developing Northern Australia is in the process of being established. Remuneration arrangements, governance structures and responsibilities will be determined by the CRC establishment board.
- 37 – The CRC for Developing Northern Australia is in the process of being established. Meeting locations will be determined by the CRC establishment board. The first board meeting was held in Darwin.