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DEPARTMENT: DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY, INNOVATION AND SCIENCE

TOPIC: Plants and gardens

REFERENCE: Written Question – Senator Bilyk

QUESTION No.: AI-93

1. What was the total cost (GST inclusive) of acquiring and maintaining indoor plants for all departmental premises in calendar year 2016?
2. What was the total cost (GST inclusive) of external gardens and landscaping for all departmental premises in calendar year 2016?
3. What was the total cost (GST inclusive) of acquiring and maintaining indoor plants for ministerial offices in calendar year 2016? Please provide separate figures for each Minister's office in the portfolio, covering ministerial offices both at Parliament House and elsewhere.

ANSWER

1. The total cost of acquiring and maintaining indoor plants for all departmental premises (excluding portfolio agencies) in calendar year 2016 was \$2,602.18 (GST inclusive).
2. The total cost of maintaining external gardens and landscaping for all departmental premises (excluding portfolio agencies) in calendar year 2016 was \$23,725.94 (GST inclusive).

External garden maintenance is mainly required at the department's regional sites, many of which are semi-rural, thereby requiring mitigation of risks from fire or snakes.

3. The total cost of acquiring and maintaining indoor plants for ministerial offices in calendar year 2016 was \$2,039.31 (GST inclusive), costs by minister is as follows:
 - Minister Pyne \$1,248.71 (GST inclusive)
 - Minister Canavan \$340.20 (GST inclusive)
 - Minister Hunt \$450.40 (GST inclusive)