

**Senate Economics Legislation Committee**

**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**Treasury Portfolio**

Additional Estimates

2016 - 2017

**Division/Agency:** Australian Taxation Office

**Question No:** AET 74

**Topic:** Plants and gardens

**Reference:** Written

**Senator:** Bilyk

**Question:**

1. What was the total cost (GST inclusive) of acquiring and maintaining indoor plants for all ATO premises in calendar year 2016?
2. What was the total cost (GST inclusive) of external gardens and landscaping for all ATO premises in calendar year 2016?

**Answer:**

1. \$675,229 (GST exclusive)\*
2. Nil.

\*The ATO reports on the net cost to the ATO, which is the standard accounting treatment for reporting. Whilst the ATO will pay invoices inclusive of GST, the GST is claimed back. Hence the net cost to the ATO is the GST-exclusive amount and therefore is what is reported.