

Senate Standing Committee on Economics

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4 – 6 June 2013

Question: BET 819-820

Topic: Coffee Machines

Written: 17 June 2013

Senator BUSHBY asked:

819. Has the department/agency purchased coffee machines for staff use? If yes, provide a list that includes the type of coffee machine, the cost, the number purchased, and any ongoing costs, such as the purchase of coffee/coffee pods and when the machine was purchased.
- a. Why were the coffee machines purchased?
 - b. Has there been a noticeable difference in staff productivity since the coffee machines were purchased?
 - I. Are staff leaving the office premises less during business hours as a result?
 - c. Where did the funding for the coffee machines come from?
 - d. Who has access to the machines?
 - e. Who is responsible for the maintenance of the coffee machines?
 - I. How much was spent on maintenance in this financial year to date? Provide a list of what maintenance has been undertaken.
 - II. Where does the funding for maintenance come from?
 - f. What are the ongoing costs of the coffee machine, such as the cost of coffee?
820. Does the department/agency rent coffee machines for staff use? If yes, provide a list that includes the type of coffee machine, the cost, the number rented, and any ongoing costs such as purchase of coffee /coffee pods and when the machine was rented.
- a. Why are the coffee machines rented?
 - b. Has there been a noticeable difference in staff productivity since coffee machines were rented?
 - I. Are staff leaving the office premises less during business hours as a result?
 - c. Where does the funding for the coffee machines come from?
 - d. Who has access to the machines?
 - e. Who is responsible for the maintenance of the coffee machines?
 - I. How much was spent on maintenance in this financial year to date. Provide a list of what maintenance has been undertaken.
 - II. Where does the funding for maintenance come from?
 - f. What are the ongoing costs of the coffee machine, such as the cost of coffee?

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Answer:

819. Yes. A domestic cappuccino machine was purchased in March 2011 with Qantas Frequent Flyer points for staff use. Staff supply their own coffee. Two Delonghi Nespresso coffee machines were purchased in June 2011 for use for hearings and meetings with external parties at a cost of \$299 each. Coffee capsules cost 68 cents each.
- a. For use for hearings and meetings with external parties
 - b. The ACCC has not identified any change in staff productivity since the coffee machines were purchased.
 - c. Departmental budget
 - d. External visitors and staff
 - e. ACCC Finance and Corporate Services Branch
 - I. Nil
 - II. Departmental budget
 - f. Coffee capsules cost 68 cents each
820. No.
- a. Not applicable.
 - b. Not applicable.
 - c. Not applicable.
 - d. Not applicable.
 - e. Not applicable.
 - f. Not applicable.