

Senate Economics Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Treasury Portfolio

Budget Estimates

2017 - 2018

Division/Agency: Australian Taxation Office

Question No: 11

Topic: Facilities Upgrades

Reference: Written

Senator: Bilyk, Catryna

Question:

Have the facilities of any of the ATO'S premises been upgraded since 1 March 2017, for example, staff room refurbishments, kitchen refurbishments, bathroom refurbishments, the purchase of any new fridges, coffee machines, or other kitchen equipment?

If so, can a detailed description of the relevant facilities upgrade please be provided together with an itemised list of costs (GST inclusive)? Can any photographs of the upgraded facilities please be provided?

Answer:

From 1 March to 30 June the ATO has not undertaken any new facilities refurbishments.

The ATO regularly assesses all its equipment for serviceability, to ensure items are working effectively and are safe to use. The ATO has purchased the following items to replace equipment that has not met the serviceability requirements and is not cost effective to repair due to being out of warranty.

Site	Item	Quantity	Cost (GST exclusive) ¹
Canberra	Chilled/ boiling water unit (items broken due to age)	14	\$60,670
Moonee Ponds Townsville Melbourne Upper Mount Gravatt Chermside	Fridges (items broken due to age and out of warranty)	11	\$15,892
Sydney	Ice machine (item is used for external forums i.e external stakeholders groups and international delegations in our corporate conference area. This replaces a machine that was broken and out of warranty)	1	\$2,342
Penrith Sydney	Microwave (items broken due to age and use)	8	\$1,425

¹ 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.

Site	Item	Quantity	Cost (GST exclusive)¹
Sydney Wollongong Upper Mount Gravatt Chermside	Sandwich press (items broken due to age and use)	20	\$1,164