

Senate Committee: Education and Employment

QUESTION ON NOTICE
Additional Estimates 2015 - 2016

Outcome: Agency: TEQSA

Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ16-000436

Senator Ludwig, Joe provided in writing

TEQSA: Kitchen Appliances

Question

Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015:

1. Has the department/agency purchased, leased or rented any kitchen appliances over the value of \$1000?
 - (a) If yes, provide a list that includes the type of appliance, the cost, the amount, and any ongoing costs such as purchase of consumables and when the appliance was purchased?
 - (b) Why were the appliances purchased?
 - (c) Has there been a noticeable difference in staff productivity since the appliances were purchased? Are staff leaving the office premises less during business hours as a result?
 - (d) Where did the funding for the appliances come from?
 - (e) Who has access?
 - (f) Who is responsible for the maintenance of the appliances? How much was spent on maintenance, include a list of what maintenance has been undertaken. Where does the funding for maintenance come from?
 - (g) What are the other ongoing costs of the appliances?

Answer

The Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency (TEQSA) has provided the following response:

- (a) The following kitchen appliance was purchased:

Type of kitchen appliance	Cost (GST-exclusive)	Purchase Date	Ongoing consumables cost
Fisher & Paykel dishwasher	\$1952.73	8 October 2015	Dishwashing tablets ~ \$16 per month

- (b) Replacement dishwasher to the executive kitchen for washing of crockery and utensils after meetings.
- (c) No, as it is a replacement.
- (d) Funded from TEQSA's appropriations.
- (e) All staff.
- (f) No maintenance spent since purchase as the dishwasher comes with one year standard warranty. After the expiry, TEQSA is responsible for the maintenance which will be funded from appropriations.
- (g) None, other than ongoing consumable costs including dishwashing tablets, water and electricity.