

Senate Committee: Education and Employment

QUESTION ON NOTICE  
Additional Estimates 2015 - 2016

Outcome: Agency: ACARA

Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ16-000737

Senator Ludwig, Joe provided in writing

**ACARA: Office Plants**

**Question**

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

1. Has the department/agency purchased or leased any office plants?
  - (a) If so, list these
  - (b) If so, list the total cost for these items
  - (c) If so, list the itemised cost for each item of expenditure
  - (d) If so, where were these purchased
  - (e) If so, list the process for identifying how they would be purchased
  - (f) If so, what is the current location for these items?

**Answer**

The Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) has provided the following response.

1. Has the department/agency purchased or leased any office plants?	Yes
a. List these	12 troughs of <i>Sansevieria trifasciata</i> 5 troughs of <i>Dracaena Deremensis</i> 2 troughs of <i>Cordyline australis</i> 2 troughs of <i>Ficus hillii</i> 3 pots of <i>Epipremnum aureum</i>
b. Total cost for these items	\$4729(ex GST) for leasing
c. List the itemised cost for each item of expenditure	29 small plants \$294.67 6 medium plants \$86.68 4 large plants \$69.35 153 Sanservia \$402.00 2 large plants at reception \$34.67 18 Ficus on balcony \$278.00 16 Yucca on balcony \$69.33
d. Where were these purchased	They were leased from Tropical Plant Rentals
e. List the process of how these were purchased	ACARA took over the contract from the head leasee
f. The current location	Within the office area of Level 10, 255 Pitt Street, Sydney