

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE Additional Estimates 2015 - 2016

Agency - Comcare

Department of Employment Question No. EMSQ16-000296

Senator Ludwig provided in writing.

Question

Comcare - Kitchen appliances

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

1. Yes

a.

Type of appliance	Cost	Amount	Consumables	Date of Purchase
Zip hydrotap hot and cold filtered water unit	\$3,625.81 GST Incl	One	Filters \$700 per annum	7/01/2016

b. To replace an eight year old existing hot and cold filtered water unit that became faulty and was unrepairable.

c. The unit replaced an existing filtered water unit so existing arrangements were maintained. There has been no change in productivity.

d. Budgeted property overheads.

e. Comcare staff.

f. The Property Team is responsible for scheduled maintenance by the supplier. No maintenance has been undertaken to date. Maintenance costs are funded from budgeted property overheads.

g. Scheduled maintenance of \$700 per annum.