

Senate Committee: Education and Employment

**QUESTION ON NOTICE
Additional Estimates 2016 - 2017**

Outcome: Cross Portfolio

Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ17-000273

Senator Bilyk, Catryna provided in writing

Also refer to previous hearing Question No. SQ16-000286

Facilities Upgrade

Question

Were the facilities of any of the Department's premises upgraded in calendar year 2016, 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

The Department of Education and Training did not upgrade any staff rooms, kitchens or bathrooms in its office premises in the calendar year 2016, nor did it buy any appliances or kitchen equipment above \$2000 GST exclusive.

The department's 2015–16 Annual Report indicates purchases of non-financial assets are recognised initially at cost in the statement of financial position, except for purchases costing less than \$2000 (or \$50,000 for leasehold improvements) which are expensed in the year of acquisition.