

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment - Education

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Budget Estimates 2014-2015**

Cross Portfolio

Department of Education Question No. ED0178_15

Senator Ludwig provided in writing.

Question

Dept & all agencies: Office Plants

Since Additional Estimates in February, 2014 has the department/agency purchased or leased any new 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

Department

Since Additional Estimates in February 2014, the department has not purchased any plants. The department has leased six new office plants for ministerial offices in Parliament House (in accordance with guidelines on Ministers of State Entitlements). The total cost is \$98.10 per month, including maintenance, watering and replacement of poor or dead plants.

Agency

Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority

ACARA has not purchased or leased any new office plants since 7 September 2013.

Australian Institute for Teaching and School Leadership

Nil response

Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies

Nil response

Australian Research Council

No

Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency

Nil. TEQSA has not purchased or leased any new office plants since Additional Estimates in February, 2014.