

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
—Additional Estimates Hearing—February 2014

Answers to Questions on Notice

Parliamentary departments, Department of Parliamentary Services

Topic: **Office plants**

Question: **225**

Written **Senator Ludwig**

Date set by the committee for the return of answer: 11 April 2014

1. Since 7 September 2013 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

1. Since 7 September 2013, the department has purchased indoor plants. The cost of the plants was \$760.50 (ex. GST).
 - a. See table below.
 - b. See table below.
 - c. See table below.
 - d. See table below.

Quantity	Flowers	Unit Price	Total Cost	Vendor
7	Dracaena deremensis	\$42.00	\$294.00	Plantmark Nursery, Kellyville, NSW
4	Howea forsteriana (25cm)	\$35.00	\$140.00	Plantmark Nursery, Kellyville, NSW
4	Howea forsteriana (30cm)	\$55.00	\$220.00	Plantmark Nursery, Kellyville, NSW
10	Spathiphyllum sensation	\$10.65	\$106.50	Plantmark Nursery, Kellyville, NSW
		TOTAL	\$760.50	

- e. All procurement in the Department is conducted through a competitive process to ascertain the best value-for money as per the Commonwealth Procurement Rules.
 - f. These plants have been used to replace unhealthy indoor plants within the circulation areas of the ground, first and second floors, the Members' Guests dining room, the gymnasium and around the external corners of the Senate and House of Representatives chambers, including the lobbies. DPS staff maintain these plants.