

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
—Additional Estimates Hearing—February 2016**

Answers to Questions on Notice

Parliamentary departments, Department of Parliamentary Services

Topic: **Kitchen Appliances**

Question: **191**

Written: **Senator Ludwig**

Date set by the committee for the return of answer: 1 April 2016

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. No.