

Senate Standing Committee on Finance and Public Administration

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Department of the Senate

Supplementary Budget Estimates

18 – 21 November 2013

Question: 46

Topic: Coffee machines

Written: 26 November 2013

Senator LUDWIG asked:

1. Has the department purchased coffee machines for staff usage since 7 September 2013?
 - a) If yes, provide a list that includes the type of coffee machine, the cost, the amount, and any ongoing costs such as purchase of coffee or coffee pods and when the machine was purchased?
 - b) Why were coffee machines purchased?
 - c) Has there been a noticeable difference in staff productivity since coffee machines were purchased?
 - d) Are staff leaving the office premises less during business hours as a result?
 - e) Where did the funding for the coffee machines come from?
 - f) Who has access?
 - g) Who is responsible for the maintenance of the coffee machines?
 - i) How much was spent on maintenance in from 7 September 2013 to date, include a list of what maintenance has been undertaken.
 - ii) Where does the funding for maintenance come from?
 - h) What are the ongoing costs of the coffee machine, such as the cost of coffee?

2. Does the department rent coffee machines for staff usage?
 - a) If yes, provide a list that includes:
 - i) the type of coffee machine;
 - ii) the cost;
 - iii) the amount, and any ongoing costs such as purchase of coffee or coffee pods; and
 - iv) when the machine was purchased.
 - b) Why are coffee machines rented?
 - c) Has there been a noticeable difference in staff productivity since coffee machines were rented?
 - i) Are staff leaving the office premises less during business hours as a result?
 - d) Where does the funding for the coffee machines come from?
 - e) Who has access?
 - f) Who is responsible for the maintenance of the coffee machines?
 - i) How much was spent on maintenance in from 7 September 2013 to date, include a list of what maintenance has been undertaken.
 - ii) Where does the funding for maintenance come from?

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- g) What are the ongoing costs of the coffee machine, such as the cost of coffee?

Answer:

The department has not purchased or rented coffee machines for staff usage.