

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES 2013**

**Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio**

**Department/Agency:** Australian Public Service Commission

**Outcome/Program:** Cross Portfolio

**Topic:** Coffee machines

**Senator:** Ludwig

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**Question:**

1. Has the department/agency purchased coffee machines for staff useage 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?

Are staff leaving the office premises less during business hours as a result?

d) Where did the funding for the coffee machines come from?

e) Who has access?

f) Who is responsible for the maintenance of the coffee machines? How much was spent on maintenance in from 7 September 2013 to date, include a list of what maintenance has been undertaken. Where does the funding for maintenance come from?

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

2. Does the department/agency rent coffee machines for staff useage?

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 are coffee machines rented?

c) Has there been a noticeable difference in staff productivity since coffee machines were rented? 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? How much was spent on maintenance in from 7 September 2013 to date, include a list of what maintenance has been undertaken. Where does the funding for maintenance come from?

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

**Answer:**

The Commission has not purchased coffee machines for staff usage since 7 September 2013 and does not rent coffee machines for staff usage.

The four coffee machines purchased by the Commission in 2011 are provided for the use of training centre clients in the Commission's dedicated training facility in Woden. The Commission uses this facility to deliver a suite of leadership, learning and development programs for the APS. The programs are offered on a fee for service basis.