

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**BUDGET ESTIMATES (SUPPLEMENTARY HEARINGS) 2013-2014**

**Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio**

**Department/Agency:** Office of the Commonwealth Ombudsman

**Outcome/Program:**

Outcome 1. Fair and accountable administrative action by Australian Government agencies by investigating complaints, reviewing administrative action and inspecting statutory compliance by law enforcement agencies.

**Topic:** Coffee Machines

**Senator:** Senator Ludwig

**Question reference number:** 182

**Type of question:** Written

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**Question:**

- (1) Has the department/agency 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? 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 usage?
  - 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:**

(1) The Office has not purchased coffee machines for staff usage since 7 September 2013.

(2) The Office does not rent coffee machines for staff usage.