

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS
ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S PORTFOLIO

Program: General

Question No. AE17/104

Senator Bilyk asked the following question at the hearing on 28 February 2017:

1. What was the total cost (GST inclusive) of supplying fruit and other snacks at departmental premises in calendar year 2016?
2. What was the total cost (GST inclusive) of supplying fruit and other snacks to ministerial offices in calendar year 2016? Please provide a breakdown of the costs for each separate ministerial office, covering both offices at Parliament House and elsewhere.

The answer to the honourable senator's question is as follows:

1. Fruit and other snacks of approximately \$1,325.00 (GST inclusive) were provided for the benefit of staff employed by the Australian Government Solicitor (AGS) at AGS premises.

Fruit and other snacks may occasionally be provided as part of lunch, and/or morning/afternoon tea, to attendees, including departmental staff, at meetings held on departmental premises during the normal course of work. The department's finance systems do not separately record this information and to provide a more detailed response would require an unreasonable diversion of resources.

2. Nil—the Attorney-General's Department did not supply any fruit or other snacks to ministerial offices in calendar year 2016.