

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

Group: Written

Program: Whole-of-Portfolio

Question: BE14/168

Senator Ludwig asked the following question at the hearing on 26-29 May 2014:

1. Has the department/agency purchased coffee machines for staff usage since Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 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? How much was spent on maintenance from Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date, include a list of what maintenance has been undertaken. 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/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 from Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 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?

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

Attorney-General's Department

- 1-2. The department has not purchased or leased any coffee machines for staff usage.

Portfolio agencies

With the exception of Screen Australia, the portfolio has not purchased or leased any coffee machines for staff usage:

Screen Australia

1. Yes. One.

a-h) To attempt to provide the level of detail requested would involve an unreasonable diversion of resources.

2a-g. No.