

**Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications**  
**Legislation Committee**  
Answers to questions on notice  
**Environment portfolio**

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**Programme:** Corporate Strategies Division  
**Topic:** Portfolio wide – coffee machines purchased  
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**Senator Ludwig asked:**

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?

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 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?

**Answer:**

Neither the Department nor its agencies purchased any coffee machines during the period 1 November 2013 to 31 January 2014.