

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment - Education

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Additional Estimates 2013-2014**

Cross Portfolio

Department of Education Question No. ED0358_14

Senator Ludwig provided in writing.

Question

Dept/Ag - Office plants

1. Since 7 September 2013 has the department/agency purchased or leased any new office plants? a. If so, list these b. If so, list the total cost for these items c. If so, list the itemised cost for each item of expenditure d. If so, where were these purchased e. If so, list the process for identifying how they would be purchased f. If so, what is the current location for these items?

Answer

DEPARTMENT

The Department of Education was established on 18 September 2013. Since then, the department has not purchased any plants. The department has leased nine new office plants for ministerial offices in Parliament House (in accordance with guidelines on Ministers of State Entitlements). The total cost is \$81.00 per month, including maintenance, watering and replacement of poor or dead plants.

AGENCY

Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority

Nil

Australian Institute for Teaching and School Leadership

Nil

Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies

Nil

Australian Research Council

Nil

Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency

Nil