

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES 2012-2013**

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

**Department/Agency:** Office of the Commonwealth Ombudsman  
**Outcome/Program:** 1  
**Topic:** Shredders

**Senator:** Ryan

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**Type of question:** Written

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**Question:**

- (1) Has the department/agencies purchased any shredders this financial year? If yes, provide details of:
- (2) How many shredders were purchased,
- (3) The cost of each shredder
- (4) Why each new shredder was needed and
- (5) The purpose for which the shredder is to be used.

**Answer:**

- (1) Yes.
- (2) One.
- (3) \$1,772.60.
- (4) To meet Office information and records management and security requirements.
- (5) Shredding records that the Office is not required to store or retain as per current records management legislation, policy and practice.