

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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Department/Agency: Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet

Outcome/Program: 1.1 Prime Minister and Cabinet

Topic: Coffee machines

Senator: Senator the Hon Joe Ludwig

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Question:

1. Has the department/agency purchased coffee machines for staff useage 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 useage?
 - 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?

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- g. What are the ongoing costs of the coffee machine, such as the cost of coffee?

Answer:

- 1. The Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (PM&C) has not purchased coffee machines for staff usage since Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013.
- 2. PM&C does not rent coffee machines for staff usage.