

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
BUDGET ESTIMATES (ADDITIONAL HEARINGS) 2013-2014

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

Department/Agency: Office of the Commonwealth Ombudsman

Outcome/Program:

Outcome 1. Fair and accountable administrative action by Australian Government agencies by investigating complaints, reviewing administrative action and inspecting statutory compliance by law enforcement agencies.

Topic: Coffee Machines

Senator: Senator Ludwig

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Type of question: Written

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Question:

- (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? 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 in 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?

- (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 in 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:

- (1) The Office has not purchased coffee machines for staff usage since Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013.
- (2) The Office does not rent coffee machines for staff usage.