

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

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Topic: Purchase of shredders

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Question:

Has the department/agencies purchased any shredders in the last 12 months? If yes, provide details of how many shredders were purchased, the cost of each shredder, why each new shredder was needed and the purpose for which the shredder is to be used.

Answer:

Yes. The Australian Public Service Commission (APSC) has purchased 1 shredder in the last 12 months. The cost of the shredder was \$2,035 including GST.

The APSC has in place secure waste, for documents containing sensitive, personal and or confidential information, and paper recycling arrangements provided by a security accredited third party. The shredder is used for on site convenience to destroy documents that would otherwise be disposed of through the third party arrangement. The destruction of documents is undertaken in compliance with relevant legislation and the APSC recordkeeping policy.