

**Senate Finance & Public Administration Committee:
Answers to written Questions on Notice Budget Estimates 2013-14
Parliamentary Departments Portfolio**

Department: Parliamentary Budget Office

Topic: Shredders

Senator: Senator Scott Ryan

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Type of question: Written

Question

Has the department/agencies purchased any shredders this financial year? 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

Three shredders were purchased during the set up of the Parliamentary Budget Office at a cost of \$538.17, \$2,614.28 and \$5,895.00. The \$538.17 shredder was faulty and has since been returned and a full refund received. The remaining shredders are used for disposing of confidential paperwork.