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Question:

What amenities are provided to staff? Provide a list, including any costs and the reason for providing the amenity.

Answer:

Within each Australian Public Service Commission tenancy level is a kitchen with white goods and small electrical appliances, for example, a television, toaster and kettle. The costs of these items cannot be separately identified. To attempt to provide this level of detail would involve an unreasonable diversion of APSC resources.

The Commission provides basic amenities for staff to safely and hygienically store, prepare and consume their own food and drink. The staff rooms provide an in-house meeting place for formal and informal occasions for staff and visitors. A television and a DVD player are provided in each staff room for the purpose of news/education/entertainment.