

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS
ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT

Corporate/cross-portfolio/general

Question No. 106

Senator Ludwig asked the following question at the hearing on 18 November 2013:

Coffee machines

1. Has the department purchased coffee machines for staff usage since 7 September 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 7 September 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 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 7 September 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?

The answer to the honourable senator's question is as follows:

1. No, the Attorney-General's Department has not purchased any coffee machines for staff usage. It is Attorney-General's Department's policy to not allow coffee machines within AGD tenancies due to energy efficiencies and the NABER's energy rating.
a) – e) N/A

2. No, the Attorney-General's Department has not rented any coffee machines for staff usage. It is the policy of the Department not to allow any coffee machines to be used by staff in order to minimise energy consumption and to maximize the NABERs energy efficiency rating.
a) – e) N/A