

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**FAMILIES, HOUSING, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND**  
**INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS PORTFOLIO**  
**2012-13 Additional Estimates Hearings**

**Outcome Number:** Cross Outcome

**Question No:** 282

**Topic:** Shredders

**Hansard Page:** Written

**Senator Boyce** asked:

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:** The Department has purchased five (5) Security Construction Equipment Committee (SCEC) endorsed paper shredders since 1 July 2012. Two shredders were purchased for \$3,950.00 each, two for \$5,044.50 each and one for \$2,084.50 (all GST inclusive).

ASIO endorsed paper shredders are used for the destruction of information classified PROTECTED and above, including Sensitive: Cabinet information. Shredding machines are approved by the SCEC on the basis of their fitness for security purposes. The guidelines on the use of shredding machines are outlined in ASIO T4 Security Equipment Guide 001 and Protective Security Circular 143.

Information from portfolio agencies is not able to be provided without the use of significant resources.