

Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES – 2 MARCH 2017 ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Department of Human Services

Topic: Plants and Gardens

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Senator: Bilyk

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Question:

- a) What was the total cost (GST inclusive) of acquiring and maintaining indoor plants for all departmental premises in calendar year 2016?
- b) What was the total cost (GST inclusive) of external gardens and landscaping for all departmental premises in calendar year 2016?
- c) What was the total cost (GST inclusive) of acquiring and maintaining indoor plants for ministerial offices in calendar year 2016?

Please provide separate figures for each Minister's office in the portfolio, covering ministerial offices both at Parliament House and elsewhere.

Answer:

- a) Nil
- b) Nil
- c) The Minister's office had plants in place under arrangements established prior to 2013, at a cost of \$18.50 per week (GST inclusive). These arrangements have been brought to an end. The total cost in 2016 was \$962.24 (GST inclusive).