

Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES – 2 MARCH 2017 ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Department of Human Services

Topic: Water Coolers

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Senator: Bilyk

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Question:

- a) What was the total cost (GST inclusive) of providing water coolers at departmental premises in calendar year 2016? Please provide a breakdown of costs for acquiring and maintaining / resupplying water coolers.
- b) What was the total cost (GST inclusive) of providing water coolers to ministerial offices in calendar year 2016? Please provide a breakdown of costs for acquiring and maintaining / resupplying water coolers.

Answer:

- a) The Department leased one water cooler during the 2016 calendar year at a cost of \$1,324 (GST inclusive). This water cooler is provided for the safety of mailroom staff in the event of a lock down of the mailroom due to a potential security threat.
- b) The Minister's office had one water cooler leased under arrangements in place prior to 2013. No water cooler is currently leased in the Minister's office. The cost in 2016 of the former leasing arrangements was \$827.27 (GST inclusive).