

# Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee

## BUDGET ESTIMATES - 4 JUNE 2013 ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

### Human Services Portfolio

**Topic:** Staff Amenities

**Question reference number:** HS 59

**Senator:** Smith

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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:**

Amenities vary between sites due to the building fit-out and size of the leased premises.

General amenities include staff shower and locker facilities, bicycle storage, indoor and/or outdoor eating areas, sick/carers rooms, and tea points which are generally equipped with a fridge, microwave, sandwich press and toasters.

A small number of sites where general space and lease conditions allow may also include a café and/or kiosk facility, provided under a commercial operator licence agreement.

Amenities provided for staff in smaller buildings are generally limited to break-out areas equipped with basic kitchen items and white goods.

Amenities are provided to ensure the Department complies with workplace Health and Safety requirements.

It is not possible to separately cost the general amenities component of the built environment of sites.

The total current asset value (as recorded in the Department's financial statements, as at 19 June 2013) of purchased amenity appliances is \$457,911.