

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

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OUTCOME 0: Whole of Portfolio

Topic: COFFEE MACHINES

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Senator: Senator Boyce

Question:

- a) Has the department/agency purchased coffee machines for staff usage? 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) Where did the funding for the coffee machines come from?
- d) Who is responsible for the maintenance of the coffee machines? How much was spent on maintenance in 2011-12 and how much this financial year to date, include a list of what maintenance

Answer:

- a) One coffee machine since 1 July 2011.

Department/ Agency*	Make	Cost	Ongoing costs	Date purchased
Tasmanian State Office (DoHA)	DeLonghi coffee machine	\$960 (GST exclusive)	Nil.	November 2011

*Includes National Industrial Chemicals Notification and Assessment, Office of Gene Technology Regulator and the Therapeutic Goods Administration.

- b) The coffee machine was purchased:-
 - as a provision for staff who work irregular and long business hours.
 - to provide coffee to visitors, stakeholders and staff at meetings and workshops, and
 - to improve productivity by removing the need for staff to exit the office for coffee.
- c) The coffee machine was purchased from departmental operational funds.
- d) Generally staff are responsible for the cleaning and general maintenance of the coffee machine. Nil expenditure on maintenance in 2011-12 and for this financial year to date.