

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

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Topic: SHREDDERS

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Senator: Senator Boyce

Question:

- a) Did the department/agencies purchased any shredders in 2011-12? 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.
- b) Has the department/agencies purchased any shredders since Budget Estimates 2011-12 (May 2012)? 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:

- a) Yes. The Department of Health and Ageing, including National Industrial Chemicals Notification and Assessment, Office of Gene Technology Regulator and the Therapeutic Goods Administration purchased 14 shredders at a total cost of \$45,138 in 2011-12.
- b) The Department/Agencies purchased three shredders at a total cost of \$12,525 since Budget Estimates in May 2012. These three shredders are included in the response to question (a) above.

Shredders are used to meet compliance requirements with the Australian Government Information Management Security Guidelines. Class-B crosscut shredders are used for the secure destruction of information classified Protected or Confidential and Class-A crosscut shredders are used for information classified Secret or Top Secret.