

**Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications**

**Answers to Senate Estimates Questions on Notice**

**Additional Estimates Hearings February 2016**

**Communications Portfolio**

**Department of Communications and the Arts**

**Question No: 170(a)**

**Program 1.1**

**Hansard Ref: Written, 19/02/2016**

**Topic: Kitchen Appliances**

**Senator Ludwig, Joe asked:**

Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015:

1. Has the department/agency purchased, leased or rented any kitchen appliances over the value of \$1000?
  - (a) If yes, provide a list that includes the type of appliance, the cost, the amount, and any ongoing costs such as purchase of consumables and when the appliance was purchased?
  - (b) Why were the appliances purchased?
  - (c) Has there been a noticeable difference in staff productivity since the appliances were purchased? Are staff leaving the office premises less during business hours as a result?
  - (d) Where did the funding for the appliances come from?
  - (e) Who has access?
  - (f) Who is responsible for the maintenance of the appliances? How much was spent on maintenance, include a list of what maintenance has been undertaken. Where does the funding for maintenance come from?
  - (g) What are the other ongoing costs of the appliances?

**Answer:**

1. No.