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Australia Post

Question No: 170(d)

Australia Post

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:

The specific details sought about kitchen appliances across the entire corporation are not captured on any central database. As such, Australia Post is not in a position to provide the information requested.