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Department of Communications and the Arts

Question No: 31

Department of Communications and the Arts

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Topic: Gifts

Senator Bilyk, Catryna asked:

1. What was the total cost (GST inclusive) of all gifts purchased for use by departmental officials in calendar year 2016?
2. Can an itemised list of gifts and costs thereof (GST inclusive) please be provided?
 - (a) Who was the recipient of each gift?
 - (b) For what purpose was each gift given?
3. What was the total cost (GST inclusive) of all gifts purchased for use by Ministers in the portfolio in calendar year 2016?
4. Can an itemised list of gifts and costs thereof (GST inclusive) please be provided?
 - (a) Which Minister gave each gift?
 - (b) Who was the recipient of each gift?
 - (c) For what purpose was each gift given?

Answer:

1. Two gifts were purchased at a total cost of \$91.83 (GST exc)
2. See below

Gift (2)	Recipient (2a)	Purpose (2b)	Cost \$ (GST Exc)
Bottle of Wine	Ms Kyungsook, Chair of the Korea Media Ratings Board (KMRB)	To reciprocate the hospitality shown to the Departmental Official at the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding between the Australian Government [Department of Communications and the Arts] and the KMRB to share information and expertise regarding better practices for the classification of content so as to inform viewing and entertainment choices and protect children from unsuitable and harmful media content.	\$48.19
Five collectible stamp issues (first day issue and mini sheets from stamp release on Australian butterflies)	Visiting delegation from the State Post Bureau of the People's Republic of China (five officials)	Reciprocal symbolic gifts to visiting delegation. Purpose of meeting was to promote the campaign for re-election to the governing councils of the Universal Postal Union and discuss postal issues.	\$43.64

3. No gifts were purchased for use by the Ministers in the portfolio for the calendar year 2016.
4. Not applicable.