

**Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications**

**Answers to Senate Estimates Questions on Notice**

**Additional Estimates February 2017**

**Communications Portfolio**

**Department of Communications and the Arts**

**Question No: 33**

**Department of Communications and the Arts**

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**Topic: Snacks**

**Senator Bilyk, Catryna asked:**

1. What was the total cost (GST inclusive) of supplying fruit and other snacks at departmental premises in calendar year 2016?
2. What was the total cost (GST inclusive) of supplying fruit and other snacks to ministerial offices in calendar year 2016? Please provide a breakdown of the costs for each separate ministerial office, covering both offices at Parliament House and elsewhere.

**Answer:**

1. As a rule, the Department does not supply fruit and other snacks at departmental premises.

In 2016, the Department provided fruit boxes at its premises in April as part of Healthy Living Month; an initiative to promote personal health and wellbeing amongst departmental staff and improve productivity.

The one off cost of supplying fruit boxes each week during the month of April at departmental premises was \$1100 (GST inc).

2. The Department did not supply fruit and other snacks to ministerial offices in the calendar year 2016.