

**Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications**

**Answers to Senate Estimates Questions on Notice**

**Budget Estimates Hearings May 2014**

**Communications Portfolio**

**Telecommunications Universal Service Management Agency**

**Question No: 511**

**Program No. TUSMA**

**Hansard Ref: In Writing**

**Topic: Coffee machines**

**Senator LUDWIG asked:**

1. Has the Department/Agency purchased coffee machines for staff useage since 25 February 2014?
  - a. If yes, provide a list that includes the type of coffee machine, the cost, the amount, and any ongoing costs such as purchase of coffee or coffee pods and when the machine was purchased?
  - b. Why were coffee machines purchased?
  - c. Has there been a noticeable difference in staff productivity since coffee machines were purchased? Are staff leaving the office premises less during business hours as a result?
  - d. Where did the funding for the coffee machines come from?
  - e. Who has access?
  - f. Who is responsible for the maintenance of the coffee machines? How much was spent on maintenance from 25 February 2014 to date, include a list of what maintenance has been undertaken. Where does the funding for maintenance come from?
  - g. What are the ongoing costs of the coffee machine, such as the cost of coffee?
2. Since 25 February, 2014, has the Department/Agency rented or leased any coffee machines for staff useage?
  - a. If yes, provide a list that includes the type of coffee machine, the cost, the amount, and any ongoing costs such as purchase of coffee or coffee pods and when the machine was purchased.
  - b. Why are coffee machines rented?
  - c. Has there been a noticeable difference in staff productivity since coffee machines were rented? Are staff leaving the office premises less during business hours as a result?
  - d. Where does the funding for the coffee machines come from?
  - e. Who has access?
  - f. Who is responsible for the maintenance of the coffee machines? How much was spent on maintenance from 25 February 2014 to date, include a list of what maintenance has been undertaken. Where does the funding for maintenance come from?
  - g. What are the ongoing costs of the coffee machine, such as the cost of coffee?

**Answer:**

Nil and not applicable.