

**Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications**  
**Legislation Committee**  
Answers to questions on notice  
**Environment portfolio**

**Question No:** 227  
**Hearing:** Budget Estimates  
**Outcome:** Corporate  
**Programme:** Corporate Strategies Division (CSD)  
**Topic:** Portfolio wide – coffee machines purchased  
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**Question Type:** Written

**Senator Ludwig asked:**

Has the department/agency purchased coffee machines for staff useage since Additional Estimates in 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 Additional Estimates in 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:**

The Department, and its agencies, have not purchased any coffee machines since Additional Estimates in February 2014.