

**Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications**

**Answers to Senate Estimates Questions on Notice**

**Budget Estimates May 2017**

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**Australia Post**

**Question No: 82**

**Australia Post**

**Hansard Ref: Written, 07/06/2017**

**Topic: Water Coolers**

**Senator Urquhart, Anne asked:**

What was the total cost (GST inclusive) of providing water coolers at Australia Post premises in calendar year 2016? Please provide a breakdown of costs for acquiring and maintaining/resupplying water coolers.

**Answer:**

Most major Australia Post sites have filter taps installed. Some smaller or regional sites have water coolers present and the total expenditure for the national water cooler supplier, Neverfail, was approximately \$150,000 (GST inclusive) in calendar year 2016. Note some additional costs associated with smaller localised arrangements (eg regional centres) may also exist, however such costs are not recorded formally on a central register.