

Senate Standing Committee on Economics

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Treasury Portfolio

Budget Estimates

5 June 2013

Question: BET 1029-1030

Topic: Coffee Machines (ATO)

Written

Senator BUSHBY asked:

1029. Has the department/agency purchased coffee machines for staff use? If yes, provide a list that includes the type of coffee machine, the cost, the number purchased, and any ongoing costs, such as the purchase of coffee/coffee pods and when the machine was purchased.
- a. Why were the coffee machines purchased?
 - b. Has there been a noticeable difference in staff productivity since the coffee machines were purchased?
 - I. Are staff leaving the office premises less during business hours as a result?
 - c. Where did the funding for the coffee machines come from?
 - d. Who has access to the machines?
 - e. Who is responsible for the maintenance of the coffee machines?
 - I. How much was spent on maintenance in this financial year to date? Provide a list of what maintenance has been undertaken.
 - II. Where does the funding for maintenance come from?
 - f. What are the ongoing costs of the coffee machine, such as the cost of coffee?
1030. Does the department/agency rent coffee machines for staff use? If yes, provide a list that includes the type of coffee machine, the cost, the number rented, and any ongoing costs such as purchase of coffee /coffee pods and when the machine was rented.
- a. Why are the coffee machines rented?
 - b. Has there been a noticeable difference in staff productivity since coffee machines were rented?
 - I. Are staff leaving the office premises less during business hours as a result?
 - c. Where does the funding for the coffee machines come from?
 - d. Who has access to the machines?
 - e. Who is responsible for the maintenance of the coffee machines?
 - I. How much was spent on maintenance in this financial year to date. Provide a list of what maintenance has been undertaken.
 - II. Where does the funding for maintenance come from?
 - f. What are the ongoing costs of the coffee machine, such as the cost of coffee?

Answer:

1029. No coffee machines were purchased in financial year 2012-13. For details of coffee machines purchased in previous years please refer to AET 921. No cost was incurred by the ATO in 2012-13 for coffee machines purchased in previous years.
1030. The ATO does not rent coffee machines for staff usage.