

## **Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment**

### **QUESTIONS ON NOTICE Additional Estimates 2015 - 2016**

**Agency - Fair Work Building and Construction**

**Department of Employment Question No. EMSQ16-000487**

**Senator Ludwig provided in writing.**

#### **Question**

##### **FWBC - Kitchen appliances**

Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015:

Has the department/agency purchased, leased or rented any kitchen appliances over the value of \$1000?

1. If yes, provide a list that includes the type of appliance, the cost, the amount, and any ongoing costs such as purchase of consumables and when the appliance was purchased?
2. Why were the appliances purchased?
3. Has there been a noticeable difference in staff productivity since the appliances were purchased? Are staff leaving the office premises less during business hours as a result?
4. Where did the funding for the appliances come from?
5. Who has access?
6. Who is responsible for the maintenance of the appliances? How much was spent on maintenance, include a list of what maintenance has been undertaken. Where does the funding for maintenance come from?
7. What are the other ongoing costs of the appliances?

#### **Answer**

Since 14 September 2015, a number of offices were relocated following the expiry of existing leases. The refurbishment of the new offices prior to occupation included kitchen fit-outs. The cost of kitchen appliances such as fridges and dishwashers were included in the total office refurbishment quote, and payments are recorded as aggregates with individual appliances not itemised. To attempt to provide this level of detail would involve an unreasonable diversion of departmental resources.

1-7. N/A.