

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE Additional Estimates 2015 - 2016

Agency – Fair Work Ombudsman

Department of Employment Question No. EMSQ16-000492

Senator Ludwig provided in writing.

Question

FWO - 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

New kitchen appliances have been purchased as part of the office fitouts in new locations.

The following appliances have been purchased:

11 refrigerators	\$1,799.00 each	Total \$19,789.00
Two ovens	\$1,149.00 each	Total \$2,298.00

The appliances were purchased from Fair Work Ombudsman's Departmental capital budget.

All staff at the relevant offices will be able to access the appliances.

The maintenance and electricity to power the appliances will be the only ongoing costs and those values are not determinable.