

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
—Additional Estimates Hearing—February 2016**

Answers to Questions on Notice

Parliamentary departments, Department of Parliamentary Services

Topic: **Coffee machine removal**

Question: **167**

Hansard Reference **p 61; 8 February 2016**

Date set by the committee for the return of answer: 1 April 2016

Senator WONG: There is also the removal of coffee machines. Is this replacement on 9 January 2014—it is a little bit difficult to determine which of this is equipment cost and which of this is staff costs. There are two. On the 9th and 10th, there is 'remove coffee machine' and then 'remove existing coffee machine'. One is double the other. Is that because there were two removed on one day and one removed on another?

Mr Barnes: I believe there were two separate coffee machines being dealt with.

Senator WONG: Right. Were they replaced?

Mr Barnes: I will have to get you details on that.

Senator WONG: I am not sure if they are in here—whether or not they were replaced.

Mr Barnes: I will get details on that and get back to you.

Answer

In Question 35 from the October 2015 Supplementary Budget Estimates, DPS advised that an earlier response to the Question on Notice 42 had included the costs of 2 separate movements of coffee machines in different rooms. DPS has investigated further and wishes to advise that this information was incorrect; these two call outs relate to the removal of the one machine. A DPS tradesman attended on site to remove the machine on 9 January 2014 and returned on 10 January 2014 to undertake further work associated with the removal of the machine. The callout on 9 January 2014 was for two hours whereas the callout on 10 January 2014 was for one hour. DPS records indicate that DPS did not replace this coffee machine. Amended responses to Question No. 42 from May 2015 and Question No. 35 from October 2015 have been provided.