

Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications

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Communications Portfolio

Australian Broadcasting Corporation

Question No: 145

Program No. ABC

Hansard Ref: In Writing

Topic: Coffee Machines

Senator Ludwig asked:

1. Has the department/agency purchased coffee machines for staff usage since 7 September 2013?
 - a) If yes, provide a list that includes the type of coffee machine, the cost, the amount, and any ongoing costs such as purchase of coffee or coffee pods and when the machine was purchased?
 - b) Why were coffee machines purchased?
 - c) Has there been a noticeable difference in staff productivity since coffee machines were purchased? Are staff leaving the office premises less during business hours as a result?
 - d) Where did the funding for the coffee machines come from?
 - e) Who has access?
 - f) Who is responsible for the maintenance of the coffee machines? How much was spent on maintenance in from 7 September 2013 to date, include a list of what maintenance has been undertaken. Where does the funding for maintenance come from?
 - g) What are the ongoing costs of the coffee machine, such as the cost of coffee?

2. Does the department/agency rent coffee machines for staff useage?
 - a) If yes, provide a list that includes the type of coffee machine, the cost, the amount, and any ongoing costs such as purchase of coffee or coffee pods and when the machine was purchased.
 - b) Why are coffee machines rented?
 - c) Has there been a noticeable difference in staff productivity since coffee machines were rented? Are staff leaving the office premises less during business hours as a result?
 - d) Where does the funding for the coffee machines come from?
 - e) Who has access?
 - f) Who is responsible for the maintenance of the coffee machines? How much was spent on maintenance in from 7 September 2013 to date, include a list of what maintenance has been undertaken. Where does the funding for maintenance come from?
 - g) What are the ongoing costs of the coffee machine, such as the cost of coffee?

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Answer:

1. Yes.

- a) De Longhi Coffee machine serial no EN125/A, costing \$276.05. There is minimal ongoing costs associated with the purchase of coffee.
- b) To provide limited hospitality to third party guests visiting the ABC.
- c) Not applicable
- d) Outcome 1 – ABC funding
- e) Two administrative staff.
- f) No maintenance has been undertaken.
- g) Ongoing costs related to the purchase of coffee.

2. No.