

**Senate Standing Committee on Economics**

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26 February 2014

**Question: AET 838-839**

**Topic: Coffee Machines**

**Written: 5 March 2014**

**Senator LUDWIG asked:**

838. Has the department/agency purchased coffee machines for staff useage since Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 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 from Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 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?
839. 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 from Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 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:**

- 838. No, the ABS has not purchased coffee machines for staff usage since 7 September 2013.
- 839. No, the ABS does not rent coffee machines for staff to utilise.