

Economics Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
 Industry, Innovation, Science, Research and Tertiary Education Portfolio
 Budget Estimates Hearing 2012-13
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AGENCY/DEPARTMENT: DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY, INNOVATION, SCIENCE, RESEARCH AND TERTIARY EDUCATION

TOPIC: Shredders

REFERENCE: Written Question – Senator Bushby

QUESTION No.: BI-209

Has the department/agencies purchased any shredders in the last 12 months? If yes, provide details of how many shredders were purchased, the cost of each shredder, why each new shredder was needed and the purpose for which the shredder is to be used.

ANSWER

Please refer to the following table for details on shredders that have been purchased by the portfolio for the period 1 June 2011 to 31 May 2012.

Department/Agency	No of Shredders Purchased	Cost of each shredder (GST exclusive)	Reason and purpose of shredder
Department of Industry, Innovation, Science, Research and Tertiary Education	4	2 x \$1,630 2 x \$2,148	Shredders are purchased to ensure appropriate destruction of classified material.
Australian Skills Quality Authority	3	\$2,985	Shredders are purchased to ensure appropriate destruction of classified material.
IP Australia	4	1 x \$2,095 3 x \$418	Shredders are purchased to ensure appropriate destruction of classified material.

COMMONWEALTH SCIENTIFIC AND INDUSTRIAL RESEARCH ORGANISATION (CSIRO)

CSIRO has a contract for waste paper disposal and recycling which includes security destruction recycling.

Shredders would generally cost less than our threshold for capital assets and therefore no central register exists. The need for a shredder would be identified by the business and the purchase carried out following CSIRO's procurement standards and delegations.