

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Additional Estimates 2013-2014**

Cross Portfolio

Department of Employment Question No. EM0415_14

Senator Ludwig provided in writing.

Question

Office plants

Since 7 September 2013 has the department/agency purchased or leased any new office plants?

1. If so, list these
2. If so, list the total cost for these items
3. If so, list the itemised cost for each item of expenditure.
4. If so, where were these purchased
5. If so, list the process for identifying how they would be purchased
6. If so, what is the current location for these items?

Answer

The Department of Employment was established on 18 September 2013. Since then, the department has not purchased any plants. The department has leased 29 new office plants, for its office premises in 50 Marcus Clarke Street Canberra and in ministerial office space in Parliament House. The total cost is \$210 per month, including maintenance, watering and replacement of poor or dead plants.