

**Senate Standing Committee on Education Employment and Workplace
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**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Question

Indoor Plant Lease

Ms Paul: They would be covered by the contract. Senator MASON: Do you know how many plants are being leased at the moment? Ms Paul: I doubt it. I think it just covers the cost of leasing. Senator MASON: No, how many? Senator MASON: I do not want the President to get on to me. If you take those questions on notice, Mr Storen, that would be useful: how many plants? If it is not too difficult. In effect, we are looking for the total cost of each for leasing; that is the aim of it. Ms Paul: I would imagine that we would not know. Senator MASON: Can you find out or is it too difficult? If it is too difficult just tell me it is too difficult? Mr Manthorpe: We could take it on notice.

Answer

As at June 2011 there were 4300 plants in the Department's leased buildings. These plants are distributed across 40 buildings among the Department's 5000 staff. They contribute to the green star ratings and general environmental amenity of the Department's workplaces.