

Senate Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade
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Answers to questions on notice from Department of Veterans' Affairs

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Outcome All: Program All

Topic: Shredders

(Written Question on Notice)

Senator EGGLESTON asked:

Has the department/agencies purchased any shredders this financial year? 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

The Department has purchased two shredders for the 2012-13 financial year to 31 May 2013 in Darwin and Perth. One was purchased at the cost of \$229 (GST inc) for the purpose of destroying paper records containing hand written information and rough drafts containing sensitive client information (personal details, dob, phone numbers and the like, draft treatment plans etc). Once the information has been transferred to the official record (VMIS / Client files), these notes are disposed of securely.

The second was purchased at a cost of \$229 (GST inc) and replaced an existing shredder which no longer functioned. The shredder is used for the purposes outlined above.