

**Senate Finance & Public Administration Committee:
Answers to written Questions on Notice Budget Estimates 2012
Parliamentary Departments Portfolio**

Department/Agency: Department of the Senate
Topic: Shredders

Senator: Senator Abetz

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Question

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

Yes, the department purchased 3 shredders in the last 12 months. One cost \$1,974.50 and two cost \$2,414.50. The shredders were purchased to replace similar equipment that had broken down and reached the end of its useful life. Shredders are used by the Opposition Whip, Leader of the Nationals in the Senate and Deputy Leader of the Opposition in the Senate.