

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

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Senator: Senator the Hon 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:

In the previous 12 months to the end of May 2012 the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet purchased seven shredders at a total cost of \$25,040. Four shredders were specifically purchased for the CHOGM Taskforce.

The cost of each shredder is as follows:

- 1 Shredder at a cost of \$3,490;
- 2 Shredders at a cost of \$3,495 each; and
- 4 Shredders for CHOGM at a cost of \$3,640 each.

The shredders were purchased to ensure the Department complied with the Australian Government's Protective Security Manual and the Department's security guidelines which require that information classified as Secret or Highly Protected and above must be disposed of using an A-class shredder.