

**Senate Finance & Public Administration Committee:  
Answers to written Questions on Notice Budget Estimates 2013-14  
Parliamentary Departments Portfolio**

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**Department:** Parliamentary Budget Office

**Topic:** Coffee machines

**Senator:** Senator Scott Ryan

**Question reference number:** 70

**Type of question:** Written

**Question**

- a) **Has the department/agency purchased coffee machines for staff useage? If yes, provide a list that includes the type of coffee machine, the cost, the amount, and any ongoing costs such as purchase of coffee or coffee pods and when the machine was purchased.**
- b) **Why were coffee machines purchased?**
- c) **Has there been a noticeable difference in staff productivity since coffee machines were purchased? Are staff leaving the office premises less during business hours as a result?**
- d) **Where did the funding for the coffee machines come from?**
- e) **Who has access?**
- f) **Who is responsible for the maintenance of the coffee machines? How much was spent on maintenance in this financial year to date, include a list of what maintenance has been undertaken. Where does the funding for maintenance come from?**
- g) **What are the ongoing costs of the coffee machine, such as the cost of coffee?**
- h) **Does the department/agency rent coffee machines for staff useage? If yes, provide a list that includes the type of coffee machine, the cost, the amount, and any ongoing costs such as purchase of coffee or coffee pods and when the machine was purchased.**
- i) **Why are coffee machines rented?**
- j) **Has there been a noticeable difference in staff productivity since coffee machines were rented? Are staff leaving the office premises less during business hours as a result?**
- k) **Where does the funding for the coffee machines come from?**
- l) **Who has access?**

**m) Who is responsible for the maintenance of the coffee machines? How much was spent on maintenance in this financial year to date, include a list of what maintenance has been undertaken. Where does the funding for maintenance come from?**

**n) What are the ongoing costs of the coffee machine, such as the cost of coffee?**

**Answer**

- a) Yes. The Parliamentary Budget Office purchased 5 pod coffee machines at a total cost of \$694.38 for the period 23 July 2012 to 31 May 2013. As part of the initial purchase, employees were supplied with three containers of coffee pods at a cost of \$19.06. Since then, individual employees are responsible for the purchase of their own coffee pods.
- b) The coffee machines are purchased for the use of the Parliamentary Budget Office employees.
- c) Yes.
- d) The purchase of the coffee machines was made using funds drawn from the 2012-13 departmental appropriation.
- e) Employees of the Parliamentary Budget Office.
- f) If required, the PBO will maintain these coffee machines. No maintenance has been undertaken on these machines to date.
- g) Individual employees are responsible for the purchase of their own coffee pods.
- h) No.
- i) Not applicable.
- j) Not applicable.
- k) Not applicable.
- l) Not applicable.
- m) Not applicable.
- n) Not applicable.