

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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Senator: Senator Ryan

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Question:

What amenities are provided to staff? Provide a list, including any costs and the reason for providing the amenity.

ONA Response:

Staff are provided with the use of secure bicycle parking, a first aid room, lunch room/breakout areas, kitchens, showers, change rooms and lockers. These amenities are either provided by the landlord cost free, or as part of the ONA fit out and have not been individually costed.

Vending machines are stocked and maintained by the ONA Social Club through fund raising activities. TVs, monitoring open source material, are provided in breakout areas. ONA has rental access to secure parking at a cost of \$1,000 per annum, recovered from staff on a 'user pays' basis and therefore cost neutral.

Indoor plants provide enhanced indoor, environmental quality at a cost of \$18,500 per annum. Total tea and coffee making consumables cost approximately \$12,000 per annum. This amount includes significant costs associated with onsite official hospitality, meetings, and training events: we do not have a breakdown of staff only costs. ONA does not record this expenditure in a way that would readily allow extraction of data relating only to staff use in breakout areas, to attempt to provide this level of detail would involve an unreasonable diversion of departmental resources.