

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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Department of Finance and Administration

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Topic: Postage Meters

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Senator Faulkner asked:

I am interested in the complaints that you have received, the trolleys that have been purchased to put this whopping great franking machine on, and any refurbishments that have taken place in the electorate office and what the cost of all this has been—over and above the \$1.9 million cost for the actual purchase of the aircraft carriers themselves.

Answer:

Ministerial and Parliamentary Services has received calls from a number of offices seeking information about the postage meter installation. Of these calls, nine could be classified as complaints. The complaints covered matters including the size of the machine, the noise generated, the space needed to accommodate the machine and the amount of notice given prior to the delivery of the machine.

Ministerial and Parliamentary Services has purchased seven trolleys at a cost of \$1,980 each to accommodate the postage meters.

Minor refurbishments have been undertaken in three electorate offices and a request for a minor refurbishment that has not yet been completed has been received from one further electorate office. The total cost of the three refurbishments completed to date is \$7,264.