

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS
ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT

Portfolio

Question No. 111

Senator Humphries asked the following question at the hearing on 12 February 2013:

Shredders

- 1) Did the department/agencies purchase any shredders in this financial year? If yes, (a) provide details of how many shredders were purchased, (b) the cost of each shredder, (c) why each new shredder was needed and (d) the purpose for which the shredder is to be used.

The answer to the honourable senator's question is as follows:

The following agencies have a nil response for this question; Administrative Appeals Tribunal, Australian Commission for Law Enforcement Integrity, Australian Customs and Border Protection Service, Australian Human Rights Commission, Australian Institute of Criminology, Australian Law Reform Commission, AUSTRAC, CrimTrac, Family Court of Australia, Federal Court of Australia, Federal Magistrates Court of Australia, Office of the Australian Information Commissioner, Office of the Commonwealth Director of Public Prosecutions, Office of Parliamentary Counsel

All figures are GST exclusive.

Attorney-General's Department

- 1) No change from response to October 2012 Senate Estimates Question on Notice
 - a) Four
 - b) \$2,000 each
 - c) This equipment was purchased to meet business requirements
 - d) Shredders are used for the destruction of classified documents in accordance with the *Australian Government Protective Security Policy Framework 2005*.

Australian Crime Commission

- 1) Yes
 - a) 5.
 - b) One shredder @ \$2,347, Four shredders @ \$2,040.
 - c) This equipment was purchased to meet business requirements across the regional sites for secure destruction of classified material.
 - d) Shredders are used for the destruction of classified documents in accordance with the *Australian Government Protective Security Policy Framework 2005*.

Australian Federal Police

- 1) Yes
 - a) 14 shredders have been purchased in the 12/13 financial year.
 - b) Each shredder had a unique purchase price; however, the average cost of the shredders purchased for 2012-13 was \$4,773.01 each.
 - c) Refer to response QoN 105 from October 2012.

d) Refer to response QoN 105 from October 2012.

Australian Government Solicitor

Australian Government Solicitor (AGS) is a government business enterprise operating on a commercial and competitive basis in providing legal and related services to government and its agencies. AGS does not receive any Budget or other appropriations and its employees are engaged outside of the *Public Service Act 1999*. The question is therefore not applicable to AGS.

Australian Security Intelligence Organisation

1) Yes

- a) One shredder has been purchased this financial year.
- b) The cost of the shredder was \$5,797.
- c) Shredders are purchased to meet business requirements.
- d) Shredders are used for the destruction of classified documents in accordance with the *Australian Government Protective Security Manual 2005*.

High Court of Australia

1) Yes

- a) The High Court of Australia has purchased two shredders this financial year.
- b) The cost of the two shredders was \$3,452.63.
- c) These shredders were purchased to replace old shredders that were no longer functioning properly.
- d) Shredders are used for the destruction of classified documents in accordance with the *Australian Government Protective Security Manual 2005*.

Insolvency and Trustee Service Australia (ITSA)

1) Yes

- a) 1
- b) \$1400
- c) Replacement shredder
- d) Shredders are used for the destruction of classified documents in accordance with the *Australian Government Protective Security Manual 2005*.

National Native Title Tribunal

Please note: From 1 July 2012 the National Native Title Tribunal is no longer a Financial Management and Accountability Act 1997 Agency, and is funded to carry out its functions as a sub-program of the Federal Court of Australia's appropriation. Please refer to the Federal Court's response.