

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

**Portfolio**

**Question No. 98**

**Senator Humphries asked the following question at the hearing on 30 May 2013:**

Coffee machines

1. Has the department/agency purchased coffee machines for staff useage?
  - a) 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?
  
2. Does the department/agency rent coffee machines for staff useage?
  - a) 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 are coffee machines rented?
  - c) 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?
  - d) Where does 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?

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

For 2012-13 financial year information up to 31 January 2013, please refer to QoN response 129 from the Additional Estimates round.

For the period 1 February 2013 to 31 May 2013 please see below.

The following agencies have had no change to coffee machines since the Additional Estimates reply:

The Attorney-General's Department, Administrative Appeals Tribunal, Australian Crime Commission, Australian Commission for Law Enforcement Integrity, Australian Human Rights Commission, Australian Institute of Criminology, Australian Law Reform Commission, Australian Security Intelligence Organisation, Australian Transaction Reports and Analysis Centre, Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions; CrimTrac, Australian Customs and Border Protection Service, Family Court of Australia, Federal Circuit Court of Australia, High Court of Australia, Insolvency and Trustee Service Australia, Office of the Australian Information Commissioner and Office of Parliamentary Counsel.

See below for other responses.

#### **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.

#### **National Native Title Tribunal**

The National Native Title Tribunal (NNTT) will not be providing a response to this question, as from 1 July 2012 the NNTT 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. On 12 March 2013 the Courts and Tribunals Legislation Amendment (Administration) Act 2013 came into operation. On that day the Australian Public Service Commissioner signed a determination which transferred all staff employed by the Tribunal to the Federal Court of Australia under s.72 of the Public Service Act, but those staff are designated staff assisting the Tribunal under the Native Title Act.

#### **Australian Federal Police**

- a) The AFP has purchased 5 coffee machines since the response to QoN 129 Coffee Machines (up to 1 February 2013)

<b>Coffee Machine</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Cost</b>	<b>Ongoing costs</b>	<b>Date Purchased</b>
Delonghi EN520S Lattissima	2	907.27	Nil	11-May-13
Nespresso	3	1,414.36	Nil	7-Mar-13

- b) Coffee machines were purchased for a variety of reasons including supply of coffee for:

- Visitors, clients and stakeholder functions;
  - Meetings between senior executives
  - AFP locations where adequate coffee facilities were unavailable for staff (eg Hangar locations)
- c) There has been a noticeable difference in staff productivity as staff are not leaving the office to find coffee shops.
- d) Funding for the Coffee Machines generally came from Supplier Budgets or from staff social clubs. Coffee pod funds are pooled together by staff for their own consumption.
- e) Office staff have access to the coffee machines.
- f) Administrative staff members are responsible for the maintenance of the coffee machines. There were no maintenance costs incurred during the period. As with the ongoing costs, many of the coffee machine maintenance costs are funded by the members consuming the coffee through a financial contribution per cup.
- g) Ongoing costs are covered by staff at their own expense.
2. The AFP does not rent Coffee machines.