

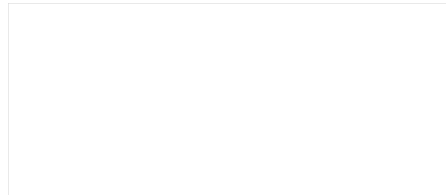
Question No : 275

Question : Fittings for New Parliament House

Question Date : 18/05/93

Member : Mr PARISH

To : MINISTER for TRANSPORT and WORKS



1. How many of the following are to be placed in the new Parliament House building -
 - (a) dishwashers; and
 - (b) refrigerators.
2. What is the explanation for the number of such appliances.
3. Have specifications called for supply of non-Australian products; if so, why.
4. If the answer to question 3 is yes, why have specifications called for the supply of non-Australian products if equivalent Australian-made products can be supplied at lower costs.

ANSWER

1. The developed specifications and plans call for the supply of 25 dishwashers and 123 refrigerators throughout the building.
2. The developed design was drawn up in consultation with the User Groups and in consideration of the functional needs of the building. The building caters for some 300 permanent occupants and over 500 when visitors to the State Library and public attendance at the sittings is taken into account.

However, as I had some concern too, I had my department review the requirements with the result that only 43 of the refrigerators will be supplied through the project. The remainder will come from current stocks. Twenty-four (24) dishwashers will be supplied as the Leader of the Opposition has since advised of a nil requirement.

3. Yes - the specified equipment and reasons for selection are as follows:

Kelvinator (Australian)	C401V C501V C300V C225Y	Generally the full sized free standing refrigerators utilised for tea rooms and utility rooms. Large capacity, good reputation on past experience, Australian made.
Leibherr (German)	KIF2820 KIU1620 KIU1423 KGIN4036	Refrigerators used in areas of high prestige or importance, such as Chamber Lobbies, Speaker's office, Cabinet Room. Purpose made for integration and function in built-in joinery, fully concealed, large capacity relative to size.
Samsung (Korean)	SR090W SR055W	Small self contained refrigerators for conference rooms and executive offices, housed in built-in joinery. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ∅ Very compact size enabling skirting boards to continue under, thereby concealing them. ∅ Relatively inexpensive.
Miele (German)	G590	Dishwashers throughout the building. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ∅ Superior water overflow protection, critical for multi-level building with high grade of finishes. ∅ Very quiet operation. ∅ Short cycle times. ∅ Fully integrated capability, built into joinery. ∅ Outstanding reputation for reliability and performance. ∅ Easy access to filters etc by lay persons.

It should be noted that suppliers are entitled to tender equivalent products to those specified, regardless of the country of manufacture.

4. See answer to question 3 above.