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Question:

Senator FARRELL: I would like to know the estimated cost of Senator McKim's proposed move in the Hobart CBD.

Ms McGregor: I might take that on notice, Senator, as I do not have that detail.

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Senator FARRELL: Has the department been given any reason as to why Senator McKim wants to move offices?

Ms McGregor: We might have to take that on notice, too, Senator.

Senator FARRELL: Do you know who owns the building that Senator McKim wishes to move into?

Ms McGregor: I will have to take that on notice, too.

Senator FARRELL: Can you tell us the distance between Senator McKim's current office and his new office?

Senator Ryan: I suppose they might, but you could probably jump on Google Maps and do it too.

Senator FARRELL: I could. I am asking the department.

Senator Ryan: Okay. They can take it on notice.

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Senator FARRELL: Can you tell us how the cost of the new fit-out will compare with similar fit-outs in Tasmania?

Ms McGregor: I will take that on notice too.

Senator FARRELL: Okay. Can you tell us whether the design plan for the senator's new office includes an atrium for green foliage?

Ms McGregor: I will take that on notice as well.

Senator FARRELL: And whether or not it includes a bicycle storage room? You do not know the answer to that one?

Ms McGregor: I do not know.

Senator FARRELL: Take it on notice.

CHAIR: Is there a wind farm on the roof? Solar panels, perhaps?

Senator Ryan: And batteries.

Senator FARRELL: You can take those on notice as well, Ms McGregor.

Senator Ryan: Water recycling? Do not forget water recycling.

Senator FARRELL: Can you tell us whether there is a shower?

Ms McGregor: I will provide you with as much detail as I can.

Senator FARRELL: If these items were to have been included in the new building, can you tell us, firstly, how much they would cost and, secondly, whether it is standard accommodation for Senate electorate offices.

Ms McGregor: Yes.

Answer:

The relocation of Senator McKim's office is required as a result of lease expiry and the lease not being renewed by the landlord due to redevelopment plans.

The estimated cost of the relocation is up to \$354,700 including fitout and relocation of furniture, files and equipment (GST exclusive). The cost is in line with similar fitouts in Tasmania.

The landlord's company name forms part of the lease documents signed by the Department of Finance.

Distances between destinations can be determined on a map, or via online applications such as Google Maps or Apple Maps.

Senator McKim's electorate office will include a shower as part of an accessible toilet facility.

The fitout is in accordance with the standard provided to a Senator for an electorate office. It does not include an atrium for green foliage, a bicycle storage room, a wind farm, solar panels, batteries or water recycling.