

Senate Community Affairs Committee
ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Senator Catryna Bilyk asked:

Have the facilities of any of the Department's premises been upgraded since 1 January 2016, for example, staff room refurbishments, kitchen refurbishments, bathroom refurbishments, the purchase of any new furniture, fridges, coffee machines, audio visual facilities or any other equipment including kitchen equipment and utensils?

If so, can a detailed description of the relevant facilities upgrade please be provided together with an itemised list of costs? Can any photographs of the upgraded facilities please be provided?

Answer:

Premises upgraded by the Department of Social Services (DSS) during the period 1 January 2016 to 31 October 2016 were:

1. Three Senior Executive Service (SES) offices were established on level 6, 23 Furzer Street, Phillip, ACT. The total cost was \$10,835 (GST inclusive). Works included:
 - Wall mounting two electronic whiteboards.
 - Supply and installation of three 600mm x 400mm backboards to mount televisions.
 - Demolition of walls inside the three offices.
 - Patching and repairing any damaged plaster, paint and carpet.
 - Connecting whiteboards to existing General Purpose Outlets (GPO).
 - Re programming lighting switches.
 - Installing new GPO, and Master Antenna Television (MATV) outlets in each office.
2. A presentation room was established on level three 'C' Block Tuggeranong Office Park, ACT. The total cost was \$5,708 (GST inclusive). Works included:
 - Supplying magnetic glass boards.
 - Patching and painting walls.
 - Installing corkboard, aluminium boarders and glass boards.
 - Supplying stools.
3. A DSS leased tenancy at 199 Collins Street, Hobart required additional work points to be established to allow all DSS staff to be co-located in the one facility. The total cost was \$189,026 (GST inclusive). Works included:
 - Preliminary design concept drawings and development of construction documentation.
 - Demolition of unused office space and utilities area.
 - Carpentry, joinery, ceiling, partitions and painting.
 - Electrical works.
 - Supply and installation of work spaces.