

**Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications**  
**Answers to Senate Estimates Questions on Notice**  
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**Australian Broadcasting Corporation**

**Question No: 277(b)**

**Australian Broadcasting Corporation**

**Hansard Ref: Written, 02/06/2017**

**Topic: Facilities upgrades**

**Senator Bilyk, Catryna asked:**

Have the facilities of any of the Department's premises, or the premises of any agencies in the portfolio, been upgraded since 1 March 2017, for example, staff room refurbishments, kitchen refurbishments, bathroom refurbishments, the purchase of any new fridges, coffee machines, or other kitchen equipment?

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

**Answer:**

The ABC has been progressing several accommodation refurbishment projects since 1 March 2017. These are the Melbourne Accommodation Project, Adelaide refurbishment and Ultimo National News Accommodation.

**Melbourne Accommodation Project**

On 7 April 2017 the ABC took possession of the extended and refurbished Southbank building. This refurbishment was the result of a \$176.4m project approved by the Public Works Committee in 2012.

The new Southbank facility co-locates all ABC Melbourne staff. Previously staff were accommodated across three sites.

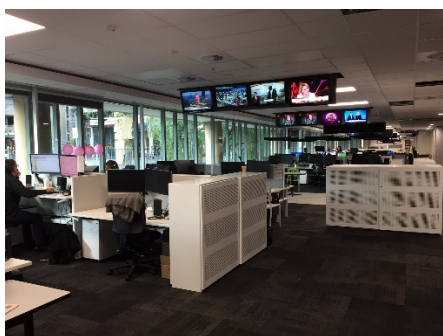


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**Ultimo - National News Accommodation**

The ABC has initiated a refurbishment of its Ultimo National Newsroom. The project will reconfigure and refurbish the general office space, edit suits and other production spaces.

The project has a budget of \$8.2m and will be completed in July 2017.



**Adelaide Refurbishment**

This project was established to refurbish and reconfigure three floors of the ABC Adelaide facility. The work will cover the ground, first and second floors.

This reconfiguration and refurbishment of the general office space, edit suits and other production spaces will enable all Adelaide staff to be co-located on three floors, freeing up four floors for leasing.

The project has a budget of \$8.8m and the work is scheduled to be completed in November 2017.