

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Finance Portfolio

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Senator: Bernardi

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Question:

CHAIR: Can you inform me on the progress of works at the Lodge?

Mr Tune: We can, but the correct people are not here at the moment. We will call them in for you. They have it on notice.

CHAIR: If they have got it on notice I will have it documented.

Answer:

Building condition audits conducted in 2010 revealed that the slate roof at The Lodge was failing and needed to be replaced. In October 2011, Finance committed to replacing the roof and conducting other essential maintenance on the ageing infrastructure of the property.

The refurbishment works include: a total roof replacement; electrical re-wiring; an upgrade to the existing fire protection and air handling systems; removal of contamination and encapsulation of hazardous materials in both the attic and the basement; and an upgrade to the existing kitchen.

The Head Contractor took possession of the site on 23 September 2013, with construction works commencing on 16 October 2013. Recent construction activities include site establishment, removal of hazardous materials (asbestos) in the attic space and back of house areas, demolition of the back of house floors and ceilings in preparation for upgrading the kitchen (including preparation for construction of a concrete floor slab) and structural examination of the chimneys for repairs.

The project team included the following consultants and contractors:

- Project Manager / Contract Administrator (PMCA) – GHD Pty Ltd
- Head Contractor – Manteena Pty Ltd, and
- Design Services Consultant – HBO EMTB National Architecture Pty Ltd