

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
—Budget Estimates Hearing—May 2014**

Answers to Questions on Notice

Parliamentary departments, Department of Parliamentary Services

Topic: **Prime Minister's office and Cabinet Suite Refurbishments**

Question: **312**

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Date set by the committee for the return of answer: 11 July 2014

1. Please provide details of all refurbishments, renovations and redevelopments in;
 - a. The Prime Minister's Office; and
 - b. The Cabinet Suite.since 18 September 2013, including project timelines and costs.

Answer

a. Prime Minister's Suite – Status A areas

A body of work was undertaken in the Status A areas of the Prime Minister's Suite between December 2013 and May 2014.

The work primarily involved refurbishment of the Dining and Sitting Room areas to enable them to be used for their originally intended purpose. The Dining Room had rarely been used as an occasional dining venue, as originally intended, rather it had been used as a meeting room, work and storage area.

The Dining Room, in particular, was required urgently due to the unavailability of The Lodge. It had suffered significant wear and tear due to its use as a meeting room, work and storage area over a number of years, and had not been refurbished since Parliament House opened in 1988.

The total cost of these works is \$51,524.84. The table below provides a detailed breakdown of the costs.

<i>Prime Minister's Suite – Status A areas</i>	
<i>External Contractor Work</i>	Project Costs
Sitting Room bulkhead and ceiling repairs	\$4,509.98
1 x new 3 seater lounge for the Sitting Room	\$8,871.00
Curtains for Dining and Sitting Rooms and PM's office; Cushions for Sitting Room	\$20,684.54
Reupholster 16 dining chairs using existing fabric	\$3,863.96
Lounge and sitting room chairs – upholster new 3 seater, reupholster existing 3 seater and 2 armchairs	\$6,072.64
New "Arabian" Leather for use on all seating furniture in Sitting Room	\$5,070.00
Reupholster 4 x tub chairs (in leather) for use in Sitting Room	\$2,452.72
Total Prime Minister's Suite – Status A areas	\$51,524.84

b. Cabinet Suite – Status A areas

Work in the Status A areas of the Cabinet Suite, which commenced in August 2013, was completed in November 2013.

The total cost of the works is \$31,967.11. The table below provides a detailed breakdown of the costs.

<i>Cabinet Suite – Status A areas</i>	
Orange Brumby leather	\$14,367.11
Reupholster 4 x three seater Norman Lounges	\$17,600.00
Total Cabinet Suite – Status A areas	\$31,967.11