

Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications

Answers to Senate Estimates Questions on Notice

Budget Estimates May 2017

Communications Portfolio

Australia Council for the Arts

Question No: 277(h)

Australia Council

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Topic: Facilities upgrades

Senator Bilyk, Catryna asked:

1. 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?
2. 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:

1. Certain parts of the Australia Council premises have been upgraded since 1 March 2017. In addition Australia Council also did some limited work to prepare surplus space for subletting.
2. Australia Council occupied premises upgrades included Level 3 assessment meeting room and AV equipment, accessible bathroom and 4 shower amenities. Two microwaves, a toaster and sandwich press along with fresh crockery was purchased for the common staff room on the same level and some soft furnishings.

Level 4 upgrades comprising ergonomic workstations for 39 staff, IT equipment and meeting room chairs. Two quiet rooms were constructed to support the move to an open floor plan environment. Fresh crockery was purchased for the kitchenette and limited soft furnishings.

Levels 3 and 4 - Australia Council		
1	Design, insurances and certification. Project management and preparation work	\$129,348
2	Construction work	\$193,019
3	Specific construction work for accessible bathroom and 4 showers	\$75,205
4	Workstations and meeting room furnishings	\$84,649
5	Kitchenette equipment	\$967

Levels 3 and 4 - Australia Council		
6	Staff room furnishings	\$4,528
7	IT equipment	\$48,258
	Total including GST	\$535,975

Ground and Level 1 - subtenancy preparation		
1	Design, insurances and certification. Project management and preparation work	\$36,236
2	Construction work	\$83,909
	Total including GST	\$120,145

Level 3 meeting room and AV communications rack



Level 3 accessible bathroom and 4 staff showers



Level 3 staff area

Furnishings



Kitchen crockery



Level 3 staff area

kitchen appliances



Level 4 workstations and storage units



Level 4 quiet rooms

