

Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications

Answers to Senate Estimates Questions on Notice

Supplementary Budget Estimates Hearings November 2014

Communications Portfolio

Department of Communications

Question No: 35

Program 1.1

Hansard Ref: In Writing

Topic: Departmental Upgrades

Senator Ludwig, Joe asked:

Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014:

1. Has the department/agency engaged in any new refurbishments, upgrades or changes to their building or facilities?
 1. If so, list these
 2. If so, list the total cost for these changes
 3. If so, list the itemised cost for each item of expenditure
 4. If so, who conducted the works?
 5. If so, list the process for identifying who would conduct these works
 6. If so, when are the works expected to be completed?

Answer:

1. Yes.
 1. Alteration works were completed to the ground floor mail room and refurbishment of the Department's lighting system.
 2. Total expenses were \$58,774.03
 3. Expenses for the alterations were \$32,807.85. The expenses of the lighting system were \$25,966.18.
 4. SMI Building Services and Stowe Australia Pty Ltd.
 5. An open tender was conducted and the contract was awarded based on value for money for the alteration work and a panel was used to secure the services of Stowe Australia Pty Ltd to carry out the work on the lighting system.
 6. The works have been completed.