

**Senate Economics Legislation Committee**

**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**Treasury Portfolio**

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**Department/Agency: Treasury**

**Question: SBT 9**

**Topic: Windows in the Secretary's Office**

**Reference: Hansard page no. 37 - 21 October 2015**

**Senator: Dastyari, Sam**

**Question:**

Mr Lonsdale: I can disclose to you that the windows in the secretary's office open.

Senator DASTYARI: Okay, and was that—

Mr Lonsdale: And that constitutes a functioning window.

Senator DASTYARI: That is a new development?

Mr Lonsdale: It is a new development that his window would open—correct.

Senator DASTYARI: So here is what we will do: the exact questions that were put to Senator Cormann, which Senator Cormann asked us to direct to the department—as part of taking the advice from Senator Cormann—why don't I put on notice these six questions relating to the cost and measures relating to the functional window installation. I will put them on notice to you. I assume that you do not have any information about the costs with you here? You do? Come to the table, thank you.

CHAIR: Is there a handyman invoice somewhere for unsticking the window or whatever?

Mr Lonsdale: We will come back to you.

Senator DASTYARI: If you have the information, is there something you can come back to us today on?

Senator Cormann: We will check.

Senator DASTYARI: Would you like to me to read them into the Hansard record or do you want me to hand them to you?

Senator Cormann: Just table it.

Senator DASTYARI: I will table these six questions on notice, but do you have the figure? Do you have the amount of cost? It seems like that that is really all that we are after.

Mr Lonsdale: Let me come back to you. I can see that you really want the cost.

Senator DASTYARI: I am dying to know.

Mr Lonsdale: I really want to be able to give you the right cost, so if you just give me the question, I will go away and I will come back with the cost.

**Answer:**

The six questions relating to the functional window installation, that Senator Dastyari wants answered (originally asked by Senator Wong, on 5 June 2015) are as follows:

- (1) What is a functional window.
- (2) At whose request was the functional window installed.
- (3) What was the stated reason for installation of a functional window in the office of the Secretary to the Treasury.
- (4) What is the total cost of the functional window, including installation.
- (5) Who approved expenditure relating to the functional window.
- (6) When was the functional window installed.

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- (1.) Restoration of the operation (opening and closing mechanism) of existing windows in the Secretary's Office.
- (2.) The Secretary's Office.
- (3.) To alleviate air-conditioning issues.
- (4.) Nil cost, to the Department.
- (5.) N/a
- (6.) Thursday 12 March 2015.