

**Senate Committee: Education and Employment**

**QUESTION ON NOTICE  
Additional Estimates 2015 - 2016**

**Outcome: Agency: ASQA**

**Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ16-000723**

Senator Ludwig, Joe provided in writing

***ASQA: Departmental Upgrades***

**Question**

Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015:

Has the department/agency engaged in any new refurbishments, upgrades or changes to their building or facilities?

- (a) If so, list these
- (b) If so, list the total cost for these changes
- (c) If so, list the itemised cost for each item of expenditure
- (d) If so, who conducted the works?
- (e) If so, list the process for identifying who would conduct these works
- (f) If so, when are the works expected to be completed?

**Answer**

The Australian Skills Quality Authority (ASQA) has provided the following response:

ASQA has engaged to undertake minor works in October 2015 and December 2015.

- a. Minor works will be undertaken to the following offices:
  - Level 10 – 255 Elizabeth Street, Sydney
  - Level 6 – 595 Collins Street, Melbourne
- b. The total costs for these changes are as follows:
  - Total costs for Level 10 – 255 Elizabeth Street, Sydney is \$365,500
  - Total cost for Level 6 – 595 Collins Street, Melbourne is \$484,027
- c. The total costs of the minor works for the period 14 September 2015 to 31 January 2016 is as follows:
  - Level 10 – 255 Elizabeth Street, Sydney - \$34,841 for Consultant fees
  - Level 6 – 595 Collins Street, Melbourne - \$33,347 for Consultant fees
- d. The minor works are being undertaken by Interiors Australia Group Pty Limited.
- e. The process of identifying who would conduct these minor works was through the Deed of Standing Offer arrangement between the Department of Education and Training and Interiors Australia Group Pty Limited.
- f. The works are expected to be completed by the following timelines:
  - Level 10 – 255 Elizabeth Street, Sydney – 25 March 2016
  - Level 6 – 595 Collins Street, Melbourne – 27 May 2016