

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee —Additional Estimates Hearing—February 2015

Answers to Questions on Notice

Parliamentary departments, Department of Parliamentary Services

Topic: **Status B costs of area 1D1**

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Senator WONG: Senator Heffernan keeps asking about office refurb. What is he talking about? Is this your office, Ms Mills?

Ms Mills: My office is part of the area that was refurbished, yes.

Senator WONG: When was that done?

Ms Mills: I think we moved into that area in September 2014.

Senator WONG: What was the total cost of that?

CHAIR: And the blow-out figure might assist Senator Wong as well.

Senator WONG: Do you know that?

CHAIR: Yes, we have covered this in estimates previously.

Senator WONG: Sorry, I missed it.

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Mr Skill: The area in question is known as 1D1. It is an area above the Hansard area in the Senate wing. The project had two components. We are slightly different here, because it is not like a traditional fit-out project you would do in a building that somebody else owned. So, you have some of the base building components as well, which you would generally not have to consider.

Senator WONG: Unless you owned the building.

Mr Skill: Unless you owned the building, correct.

Senator WONG: It is not that unusual.

Mr Skill: The total amount for the fit-out was split into two discrete amounts.

Senator WONG: Yeah, I get it.

Mr Skill: The base building amount was a final cost of \$1,081,781. And the fit-out component—the actual office area component—had a final figure of \$2,153,661.

Senator WONG: So, \$3.2 million in total.

Mr Skill: That is right.

Senator WONG: How many offices?

Mr Skill: It is accommodating 25 staff plus the Secretary's office.

Ms Mills: And several DPS-wide meeting rooms.

Senator WONG: Have you ever provided figures as to how much is specifically for the Secretary's office?

Mr Skill: I do not think I would be able to break that down—although I could try—because it is a status B area. So, there would be some specifics, but it would not be completely—

Senator WONG: And status B means?

Mr Skill: It means it is a specific area. A member's and a senator's office is status B, so it has specific requirements for the finishes.

Senator WONG: Is there any other office other than the secretary's in this area which is status B?

Mr Skill: No.

Senator WONG: Perhaps you could just give me the status B costs on notice?

Mr Skill: It is similar to all department heads in the parliament.

Senator WONG: Yes, I understand. Thank you.

Answer

The actual cost for the procurement of purchased Status B furniture for the Secretary's office in Area 1D.1 which includes the office desk and shelving joinery is \$29,900. All other Status B furniture for this office has been drawn from existing Global Furniture storage.