

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
Supplementary Estimates – February 2015
ANSWER TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Prime Minister and Cabinet portfolio

Department/Agency: Office of the Official Secretary to the Governor-General

Program 1: Support for the Governor-General and Official Activities

Outcome 1: The performance of the Governor-General's role is facilitated through the organisation and management of official duties, management and maintenance of the official household and property and administration of the Australian Honours and Awards system.

Topic: Renovations, refurbishments and repairs

Senator: Wong

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Since 18 March 2014 what amount has been expended on renovations, refurbishments and repairs at (a) Government House and (b) Admiralty House? Can a breakdown of costs per project be provided?

Answer:

The Office is currently in the final year of a 10-year Vice-Regal Heritage Property Master Plan. Other routine property maintenance and repair works are also carried out as required. Government House and Admiralty House are heritage listed properties, comprising more than 20 buildings across 54 hectares, maintained on behalf of all Australians. Projects conducted cover urgent and essential rectifications and works needed to meet operational requirements. Figures include all project costs.

a) Government House - \$2,622,168.92 (ex GST, as at 28 February 2015):

Project number	Description	Total
GH005	Honours building rectification	\$1,300,544.22
GH009	WHS rectification	\$14,685.83
GH043	Essential heritage rectification	\$854,463.89
GH046	WiFi Project	\$46,462.94
GH054	Stables building refurbishment	\$224,707.06
GH056	Lift rectification	\$114,600.00

G0001	Asset maintenance and works	\$20,870.00
G0013	Gowrie garden rectification	\$4,157.84
G0032	Cottage buildings staged refurbishment works	\$5,900.87
G0033	Lakeside lawn repairs	\$17,747.00
G0053	Chancery drainage and balcony repairs	\$2,315.94
G0055	House office lighting rectification	\$532.24
G0066	Caretakers cottage communication cabling	\$15,181.09
Total (Government House)		\$2,622,168.92

b) Admiralty House - \$2,363,173.23 (ex GST, as at 28 February 2015):

Project number	Description	Total
AH001	Eastern foreshore structural rectification	\$192,584.34
AH005	Verandah precinct rectification	\$3,885.00
AH006	Marine barracks precinct rectification	\$17,958.37
AH023	Essential heritage rectification	\$2,095,418.80
AH046	WiFi project	\$20,223.98
AH021	WHS rectification	\$24,095.07
A0054	Front entry and precinct rectification	\$6,697.82
A0055	Kitchen ceiling and roof rectification	\$2,309.85
Total (Admiralty House)		\$2,363,173.23