

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES 2015-16

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Senator: Wong
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Question:

1. Can the Department provide a breakdown of the \$5 million provided to Finance for the Malabar Headland – upgrade measure in the 2015-16 MYEFO into what has been allocated for the horse riding facilities, and for the upgrades to other facilities and amenities?
2. With regards to the horse riding facilities, can the Department able to provide information of what precisely is being built? When will construction of these facilities commence?
3. With regards to the upgrades to other facilities and amenities, can the Department provide a list of the facilities and amenities that will be upgraded? For each of these facilities and amenities, can the Department describe what precisely is being done as part of the upgrade? When will these upgrades commence?
4. Is there any funding within the \$5 million allocation for extra departmental funding for Finance? If so, can the Department detail how many extra staff are included in this allocation, and at what classification?
5. Is there funding for external staff – contractors or consultants – within the \$5 million allocation? If so, can the Department detail how many contractors or consultants, and what they are being paid?

Answer:

1. The \$5 million allocation breakdown is as per below:

Deliverable	Estimated Cost (GST Excl.)
Make-safe works and construction of equestrian facility	\$2.0 million
Upgrades to the safety and amenity of the rifle range	\$2.6 million
Scoping study into options for an alternative shooting facility	\$400,000

2. Make-safe works are expected to commence in March 2016, with construction of the facilities expected to commence June 2016, weather and other delays dependant. Final design and construction is subject to negotiations with the South East Equestrian Club and is yet to be finalised.
3. Negotiation of the works package is currently occurring with the New South Wales Rifle Association. The works are likely to include the removal of asbestos containing building materials. Works are programmed to commence prior to June 2016.
4. No.
5. The \$5 million allocation includes provision for suitably qualified contractors, including architects, engineers, environmental advisors and builders. Contracts have not yet been established.