

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**  
**Additional Estimates – February 2016**  
**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:** Property works plan

**Senator:** Wong

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Please provide an update of the current works and costs associated with the new Property Works Plan which replaces the Vice Regal Heritage Property Master Plan

Has there been any change of priorities for the Works Plan since the last Estimates in the Plan.

If so, on what basis did these changes occur.

Has the OOSGG received any additional funding to assist with the development of the PWP.

Can the OOSGG clarify an answer in QoN124 from last Estimates which states that \$18.967m was spent on the Vice-Regal Heritage Property Master Plan "between July 2015 and June 2015". This seems a significant amount of money over a month – is this an error.

**Answer:**

The ongoing Property Works Plan covering both heritage listed properties is approximately \$2.6 million per year.

Works are constantly reviewed and actively managed through the Property Works Sub-Committee (part of the agency Management Committee) and are prioritised accordingly, within the available budget. Property works and plans are formally reviewed every month. The current FY 2015/16 Property Works Plan includes:

Property	Planned works FY1516
<b>Admiralty House</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. General Work Health and Safety projects, including addressing issues for working at heights across the property</li> <li>2. Rectification projects addressing property code and Australian Standards compliance, with a focus on safety issues, including fire panel replacements.</li> <li>3. Rectification works to continue to improve maintenance burden of the property.</li> <li>4. Landscape rectifications, including retaining wall structures, trip hazards, and reduction of utility consumption.</li> <li>5. General works such as ongoing asbestos removal, damp rectification, stone stabilisation, and structural remediation works.</li> </ol>
<b>Government House</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. General Work Health and Safety projects, including addressing issues for working at heights across the property and bird proofing roofs and cabling.</li> <li>2. Rectification projects addressing property code and Australian Standards compliance, with a focus on safety issues, including fire panel replacements.</li> <li>3. Rectification works to continue to improve maintenance burden of the property and replace or repair aging and end-of-life infrastructure assets.</li> <li>4. Landscape rectifications, including retaining wall structures, road/vehicle access degradation issues, trip hazards, reduce utility consumption, and rectifying grounds WHS lighting and wiring issues.</li> <li>5. General works such as ongoing asbestos removal, damp rectification, stone stabilisation, and structural remediation works.</li> <li>6. Replacement of electrical switchboards now at end-of-life with no replacement parts available.</li> </ol>

The Office has not received any specific funding to assist with the development of the Property Works Plan itself.

This is a typographical error. The first date should read 'July 2005'.