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Senator: Jacinta Collins

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Question:

Senator JACINTA COLLINS: I also have some questions in relation to Mr Joyce's office relocation. I refer to media reports that Mr Joyce is moving his Sydney ministerial office to Armidale. Can the department confirm that that is the case?

Ms Moy: I do know that Mr Joyce is changing offices. I would have to confirm the location. I do believe it is Armidale for the ministerial office.

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Senator JACINTA COLLINS: But from what you have indicated this matter has been approved by you.

Senator Ronaldson: Yes.

Senator JACINTA COLLINS: Has the move been completed yet?

Ms Moy: I would have to check. I am not sure what the actual status is.

Senator Ronaldson: We will take that on notice.

Senator JACINTA COLLINS: I will ask you to take on notice also what the cost of the move from Sydney CPO to Armidale is; how many ministerial staff will have a home base in Armidale; and what will be the total cost of the move?

Senator Ronaldson: We will not be discussing where the staff are located, but the other questions are fine.

Ms Moy: I do know that Mr Joyce is changing offices. I would have to confirm the location. I do believe it is Armidale for the ministerial office.

Answer:

Mr Joyce does not currently have a Ministerial Office outside of Canberra. Mr Joyce has not established a Ministerial Office in Sydney. His Ministerial Office is to be established in Armidale. The total costs of the establishment of the office in Armidale are yet to be finalised.