

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

Budget Estimates – May 2014

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: Building, refurbishment and furniture expenses

Senator: Wong

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What "refurbishing services" are being provided at a cost of \$10,000 in the period 18 November 2013 to 30 June 2014 as reported in contract notice CN1922322 published on Austender on 17 December 2013?

What "painting and paper hanging" services were provided at a cost of \$10,436.80 in the period 9 December to 12 December 2013 as reported in contract notice CN1935782 published on Austender on 6 January 2014?

What "construction and maintenance support equipment" was provided, and for what purpose, at a cost of \$10,890 on 4 October 2013 as reported in contract notice CN1806821 published on Austender on 22 October 2013?

What "office furniture" at a cost of \$11,677 was provided in the period 8 to 20 January 2014 as reported in contract notice CN1981381 published on Austender on 20 January 2014?

What "refurbishing services" at a cost of \$12,100 were provided in the period 27 August to 1 October 2013 as reported in contract notice CN1922362 published on Austender on 17 December 2013?

What "design services" at a cost of \$13,970 are being provided in the period 6 May to 30 June 2014 as reported in contract notice CN2231011 published on Austender on 30 May 2014?

What “refurbishing services” at a cost of \$15,226 were provided in the period 17 January to 31 March 2014 as reported in contract notice CN2022161 published on Austender on 10 February 2014?

What “refurbishing services” were provided at a cost of \$16,463 in the period 7 to 28 March 2014 as reported in contract notice CN2114151 published on Austender on 28 March 2014?

What “architectural services” are being provided, and for what purpose, at a cost of \$49,093 in the period 25 November 2013 to 30 June 2014 as reported in contract notice CN1922291 published on Austender on 19 December 2013?

What “architectural services” are being provided, and for what purpose, at a cost of \$50,382.75 in the period 5 November 2013 to 30 June 2014 as reported in contract notice CN1923902 published on Austender on 6 January 2014?

What “painting services” were provided at a cost of \$68,871 in the period 19 November 2013 to 28 February 2014 as reported in contract notice CN1893251 published on Austender on 27 November 2013?

What “roads and landscape” services were provided at a cost of \$391,735 in the period 21 November 2013 to 31 January 2014 as reported in contract notice CN1897781 published on Austender on 27 November 2013?

What “refurbishing services” were provided at a cost of \$690,683.28 in the period 30 January to 30 March 2014 as reported in contract notice CN2021991 published on Austender on 10 February 2014?

What “refurbishing services” are being provided at a cost of \$1,285,830.69 in the period 22 February to 30 June 2014 as reported in contract notice CN2071831 published on Austender on 17 March 2014?

What “refurbishing services” are being provided at a cost of \$1,303,402 in the period 27 March 2014 to 8 October 2015 as reported in contract notice CN2128201 published on Austender on 1 April 2014?

Answer:

CN1922322: In line with the 10-year Vice-Regal Heritage Property Master Plan funded in the 2005-06 Federal Budget, a consultant reviewed, catalogued and evaluated heritage furniture assets at Government and Admiralty Houses and provided professional advice to guide future management of these assets and maintenance of their value.

CN1935782: In line with the 10-year Vice-Regal Heritage Property Master Plan funded in the 2005-06 Federal Budget, a contractor provided painting services (surface preparation, undercoat and top coat application) at numerous interior and exterior locations at Government House. All works addressed urgent and essential issues caused by flaking, water staining and degradation with consequent damage or risk of damage to underlying materials.

CN1806821: A contractor constructed a small dais (a code-compliant joinery unit of timber, brass and carpet) for use during formal welcome ceremonies for visiting Heads of State at Government House (until recently such ceremonies were conducted on the tarmac at Fairbairn).

CN1981381: A contractor supplied and installed 5 standard desks, 7 bookcases and 5 mobile pedestals for staff offices at Government House. This furniture replaced office furniture that was no longer functional.

CN1922362: In line with the 10-year Vice-Regal Heritage Property Master Plan funded in the 2005-06 Federal Budget, a construction consultant reviewed and evaluated Government House heritage buildings and provided professional advice on urgent and essential construction works to rectify degradation and ensure building preservation.

CN2231011: In line with the 10-year Vice-Regal Heritage Property Master Plan funded in the 2005-06 Federal Budget, a consultant provided architectural advice and documentation on urgent and essential works to address the poor condition of the roof, external joinery, downpipes and gutters of a heritage Office building (formerly the property's stables) at Government House.

CN2022161: In line with the 10-year Vice-Regal Heritage Property Master Plan funded in the 2005-06 Federal Budget, a contractor replaced and recycled worn-out carpets in Admiralty House. Some parts of the worn 20-year old carpets were salvaged and re-laid in back-of-house locations.

CN2114151: In line with the 10-year Vice-Regal Heritage Property Master Plan funded in the 2005-06 Federal Budget, a contractor sandblasted and refinished concrete surfaces in the lakeside pool precinct at Government House to prevent erosion and damage to steel reinforcing, and ensure preservation of the facilities. Only limited works have been carried out in the almost 50 years since original construction.

CN1922291: In line with the 10-year Vice-Regal Heritage Property Master Plan funded in the 2005-06 Federal Budget, a consultant provided architectural and heritage advice and documentation on a range of urgent and essential construction issues (addressing dilapidated finishes, asbestos removal, leaking fixtures, damp, damaged structural fabrics, dysfunction

issues, replacement of end-of-life equipment/appliances etc) at Government House, including rotten outdoor decking and beams, and public toilets last updated around 40 years ago.

CN1923902: In line with the 10-year Vice-Regal Heritage Property Master Plan funded in the 2005-06 Federal Budget, a consultant provided urgent and essential architectural and heritage advice and documentation to rectify structural and health and safety issues (dilapidated finishes, termite damage, damp ingress, asbestos removal, dry rot, leaks, and ventilation issues) in specific areas of Admiralty House. This included the replacement of corroded guttering and roof fascias, replacement of footings and floorboards, installation of a ventilation system to key areas and upgrading some bathroom facilities over 40 years old.

CN1893251: In line with the 10-year Vice-Regal Heritage Property Master Plan funded in the 2005-06 Federal Budget, a contractor provided painting services at the Government House Chancery Building. All works (full exterior repainting and some internal) addressed urgent and essential issues caused by balcony rectifications, water leaks and deterioration since the building was last painted over ten years ago.

CN1897781: The contractor provided urgent and essential landscape construction services at Admiralty House to remedy subsidence on the eastern foreshore and prevent the potential collapse of the area. Paths, handrails, walls and stairs were also replaced to address health and safety issues (including dangerous falls, absence of abseiling anchor points for maintenance, trip hazards, non-code compliant lighting etc).

CN2021991: In line with the 10-year Vice-Regal Heritage Property Master Plan funded in the 2005-06 Federal Budget, a contractor provided urgent and essential construction services to rectify health and safety issues (dilapidated finishes, asbestos removal, leaking fixtures, damp, damaged structural fabrics, dysfunction issues, replacement of end-of-life equipment/appliances etc) at Government House, including rotten outdoor decking and beams, and public toilets last updated around 40 years ago.

CN2071831: In line with the 10-year Vice-Regal Heritage Property Master Plan funded in the 2005-06 Federal Budget, a contractor is providing urgent and essential construction services to rectify structural and health and safety issues (dilapidated finishes, termite damage, damp ingress, asbestos removal, dry rot, leaks, and ventilation issues) in specific areas of Admiralty House. This included the replacement of corroded guttering and roof fascias, replacement of footings and floorboards, installation of a ventilation system to key areas and upgrading some bathroom facilities over 40 years old.

CN2128201: In line with the 10-year Vice-Regal Heritage Property Master Plan funded in the 2005-06 Federal Budget, a contractor is providing urgent and essential construction services to rectify work health and safety issues in a building at Government House that accommodates the

Honours and Awards Branch. Works include the replacement of windows, doors, non-compliant lights and part of the failing air conditioning system; the repair of water damaged building fabric; and the modification of building drainage systems.