

**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:** Departmental upgrades

**Senator:** Ludwig

**Question reference number:** QoN 336

**Type of Question:** Written

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Since Additional Estimates in February, 2014 has the department/agency engaged in any new refurbishments, upgrades or changes to their building or facilities?

- a. If so, list these
- b. If so, list the total cost for these changes
- c. If so, list the itemised cost for each item of expenditure
- d. If so, who conducted the works?
- e. If so, list the process for identifying who would conduct these works
- f. If so, when are the works expected to be completed?

**Answer:**

Yes.

- a. Rectification of an office building occupied by the Office's Honours and Awards Branch; and refurbishment of a heritage office building (formerly the property's stables).
- b. Total cost is \$1,438,910.90.
- c. Honours-occupied building - \$1,184,910.90; former stables building - \$254,000.
- d. Cobul Constructions are the construction contractors for both projects. Both projects are currently under construction.
- e. The Honours-occupied building underwent an open tender; the former stables building contractor was sourced by limited tender.

- f. Estimated completion dates are 3 October 2014 for the rectification of the Honours-occupied building; and 15 August 2014 for the refurbishment of the former stables building.