

**Senate Standing Committee on Finance and Public Administration**

**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**Department of the Senate**

**Supplementary Budget Estimates**

**18 – 21 November 2013**

**Question: 19**

**Topic: Senator Brandis' bookshelves**

**Written: 26 November 2013**

**Senator LUDWIG asked:**

I refer to an article published in the Sydney Morning Herald on 15 October, titled “Too big for his books: Brandis' Library is shelved”

1. It has been reported that the bookshelf cost \$7, 000. What were the cost break downs?

Materials and construction

2. Who decided what materials would be used and how they would be acquired?

3. What materials were used, including, but not limited to: types of wood used, types of varnish used; any fastening materials used (nails, screws, glue etc.)?

4. How much did these materials cost?

5. Where were the materials purchased from?

6. How much did it cost to transport them to Canberra?

7. How much did the ladder cost that is required to reach the upper shelving?

8. How is the shelving attached to the wall?

9. Was consideration given to costs that would be associated with restoring the office, once the Senator was required to move offices or left the Senate?

Labour

10. Who was commissioned to do the construction?

11. What was the tender process?

12. How much money was spent on labour?

13. How much was spent to transport contractors to and from the work site?

14. How many people worked on its construction?

15. How many hours did it take them?

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Consultation

16. Who were all of the people involved in the consultation process?
17. What was the consultation process?
18. How much was spent on consultation?
19. How long did that process last?

Administration

20. Who were all of the people involved in organising the shelving and who did they work for (and hence who was paying their wages)?
21. How much was spent on consultation?
22. How many hours did they spend organising the shelving?

Maintenance

23. Who is responsible for the maintenance of the shelving?
24. How much maintenance does the shelving require?
25. How much does this maintenance cost?
26. How long is the shelving expected to last?

**Answer:**

Please see answers provided on 13 December 2013.