

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
Supplementary Budget Estimates – October 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: Facilities upgrades

Senator: Bilyk

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Have the facilities of any of His Excellency the Governor-General's official residences been upgraded since 1 January 2016, for example, staff room refurbishments, kitchen refurbishments, bathroom refurbishments, the purchase of any new furniture, fridges, coffee machines, audio visual facilities or any other equipment including kitchen equipment and utensils? If so, can a detailed description of the relevant facilities upgrade please be provided together with an itemised list of costs? Can any photographs of the upgraded facilities please be provided?

Answer:

Since 1 January 2016, the official residence at Government House, Canberra has undergone \$126,921 in works relating to the replacement or upgrade of services and/or equipment.

The official residence at Admiralty House, Sydney has undergone \$95,347 in works relating to the replacement or upgrade of services and/or equipment.

There have been no room refurbishments during this period. Works have focused on end of life replacement of assets and infrastructure services. An itemised list of works is attached below.

| Project | Description | Spend |
|---------------------------------|---|---------------------|
| Government House | | |
| Lift Rectification | Replace control panel in lift. | \$ 3,960.00 |
| Minor Works | Replacement of carbon dioxide sensor in apartment. | \$ 2,725.00 |
| | Lighting replacement. | \$ 3,603.00 |
| | Emergency and exit lights. | \$ 7,395.00 |
| | Pot washer for commercial kitchen. | \$ 28,130.00 |
| | Replace main kitchen switchboard. | \$ 27,938.00 |
| | Upgrade electrical sub main cable to residence. | \$ 4,809.00 |
| | Fire extinguisher replacement. | \$ 4,967.00 |
| | Sub floor repairs. | \$ 11,067.00 |
| | New external lights to service wing. | \$ 4,531.00 |
| DCB expenditure | Event chairs. | \$ 17,700.00 |
| | Trailer for chairs to assist with the safe movement and storage of chairs. | \$ 1,640.00 |
| | Replace media lighting and equipment. | \$ 8,456.00 |
| | | \$126,921.00 |
| Admiralty House | | |
| WHS Height Safety Installations | Installation of roof anchors, gantries and ladders in accordance with WHS requirements. | \$ 68,780.00 |
| Minor Works | Grease trap and back flow prevention device installation. | \$ 10,258.00 |
| DCB expenditure | Furniture trolley to assist with the safe movement of furniture. | \$ 1,479.00 |
| | WHS access ramps. | \$ 14,830.00 |
| | | \$95,347.00 |

Note that these costs relate to works undertaken in the two official residences only.