



MINISTER FOR
EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS

Senate

Parliamentary Question

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Senator Michaelia Cash asked the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations in writing, on 21 November 2024:

With regards to the Parents Pathways office which was opened in Adelaide this year:

- a. what was the upfront cost of opening this office;
- b. please provide an itemised list of all upfront cost expenses;
- c. what are the running costs of this office;
- d. please provide an itemised list of all running cost expenses;
- e. how much was spent on office furniture;
- f. please provide an itemised list of all office furniture which was purchased for this office with a description and price; and
- g. what was the overall cost of opening this office

Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations has provided the following answer to the Senator's question:

Answer

- a. The upfront cost of opening the Parent Pathways office in Adelaide was \$1,628,373 (excl. GST).
- b. The upfront cost was comprised of:
 - a. Design: \$169,550
 - b. Trades packages: \$1,297,644
 - c. Loose furniture \$78,829
 - d. Project Management: \$80,000
 - e. Public Internet Solution: \$2,350
- c. The estimated annual running cost of the office is \$263,319 (excl. GST).

- d. The estimated annual running cost is comprised of:
 - a. Rent: \$214,733
 - b. Cleaning: \$32,779
 - c. Electricity: \$1,297
 - d. Public Internet Solution: \$14,510

Note that electricity cost is an estimate based on previous expenditure at other departmental tenancies.

- e. The total cost of office furniture purchased for the office was \$78,829.00 (excl. GST). This is included in the total upfront costs figure listed above.
- f. The breakdown of the furniture package is:

Furniture		
Item	Quantity	Total Cost
Chairs	65	\$37,846.00
Tables	47	\$40,983.00
Total		\$78,829.00

- g. The overall cost of opening the office is the upfront cost of opening the office \$1,628,373 (excl. GST) plus the estimated annual running costs of \$263,319 (excl. GST).