

Senate Community Affairs Committee
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Outcome Number: Cross Outcome - Across Programs

Question No: 881

Topic: Departmental Upgrades

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Senator Ludwig asked:

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

1. If so, list these
2. If so, list the total cost for these changes
3. If so, list the itemised cost for each item of expenditure
4. If so, who conducted the works?
5. If so, list the process for identifying who would conduct these works
6. If so, when are the works expected to be completed?

Answer:

Department of Social Services

For the period since Additional Estimates in February 2014 the Department has engaged in refurbishments as detailed below:

State	Address	Amount spent 1 Mar to 30 Jun 14	Comment
ACT	23 Furzer St Woden	\$15,216	Works required as a result of Machinery of Government changes. Works in design stage, expect to go to select tender with works completed August 2014.
Perth	15-17 Williams St	\$4,130	Works required as a result of Machinery of Government changes. Works in design stage undertaken under in-house support contract arrangements. Expect works to be completed September 2014.
	Total Cost	\$19,346	

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Australian Aged Care Quality Agency

1. The Australian Aged Care Quality Agency refitted spare office space at its Parramatta offices to provide for a staff meeting room and training room for industry education programs.
2. The total cost was \$62,510.
3. Itemised expenditure as follows:
 - Fit out \$18,187
 - Audio visual \$11,400
 - Air conditioning \$16,800
 - Tables/chairs \$16,123
4. The works were conducted by:
 - Fit out - CFW Commercial Interiors
 - Audio visual – Complete AV Solutions
 - Air conditioning – CJ Air
 - Tables/chairs – Ideal Furniture
5. Suppliers were selected following a competitive request for quote process in accordance with the Quality Agency's procurement policy.
6. The works were completed in May 2014.

National Disability Insurance Agency

For Tennant Creek, NT.

1. Accessibility upgrades including automatic opening doors, accessible bathroom, kerb ramps and building signage that provides appropriate luminous contrast.
2. \$239,975 (GST exclusive).
 - Trades - \$158,778.
 - Management, preliminaries and supervision - \$71,197.
 - Contingency - \$10,000.
4. Hutchinson Builders.
5. Given the timeframe for completion, the remote location and the availability of builders with the skills and experience to meet the NDIA's accessibility requirements, single-source procurement was used for the works. The contract value was less than \$400,000 and a value for money assessment was undertaken for the engagement of the Construction Manager.
6. 27 June 2014.