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Communications Portfolio
Department of Communications and the Arts

Question No: 229(a)

Program 1.1

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Topic: Departmental upgrades

Senator Ludwig, Joe asked:

Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015:

1. 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:

1. Yes.
 - (a) Upgrades were undertaken to meeting rooms and offices at the Department's Canberra and Melbourne Offices.
 - (b) For the period 14 September 2015 to 31 January 2016, the total cost of changes was \$143,248 (GST excl).
 - (c) The breakdown of the total costs was \$15,260 (GST excl) for drawings and \$127,988 (GST excl) for building works.
 - (d) The works were undertaken by a number of building contractors.
 - (e) Competitive quotes were sought for all works in accordance with the Department of Finance's 'Commonwealth Procurement Rules'.
 - (f) These works have been completed.