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Question No: 229(k)

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Topic: Departmental Upgrades

Senator Ludwig, Joe asked:

National Cultural Institutions

- Australian National Maritime Museum
- National Film and Sound Archive
- National Gallery of Australia
- National Library of Australia
- National Museum of Australia
- National Portrait Gallery
- The Museum of Australian Democracy

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:

Australian National Maritime Museum

1. No.

National Film and Sound Archive

1. Yes.
 - (a) The National Film and Sound Archive has undertaken a minor upgrade to the workstation layout in a section of the Sydney offices.
 - (b) Total cost of \$2,830 (ex GST).

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- (c) To provide this level of detail would be an unreasonable diversion of resources.
- (d) The work was carried out by Schiavello Constructions NSW Pty Ltd.
- (e) The provider was identified through direct source quote on the basis of their experience in undertaking the original fitout to the NFSA's Sydney office.
- (f) The works are complete.

National Gallery of Australia

1(a)-(f). The portfolio's response to this question covers the period 31 May to 11 December 2015.

The National Gallery of Australia has a detailed strategic asset management plan (SAMP) documenting the upgrades, maintenance and changes to the buildings and facilities.

The Gallery has three owned sites, a gallery space in Parkes and two storage facilities both in Hume ACT.

Since June 2015 a number of projects have commenced to upgrade storage and building facilities, which have been managed through the Gallery's Procurement Guidelines, which are in accordance with the Commonwealth Procurement Rules. Additionally a capital budget is approved annually by the Executive and Council

For the 2015/16 financial year the Gallery has budgeted \$6.014 million for refurbishments, upgrades and changes to the building (allocated to the strategic asset management plan). The budget includes multiple projects most of which are well under \$400k.

It would be an unreasonable diversion of resources to provide the level of detail requested in regards to an itemised list of each item of expenditure and who conducted the works.

National Library of Australia

1. The National Library of Australia has engaged in two new refurbishments, upgrades and changes to the building and facilities in the period 14 September 2015 to 9 February 2016.
 - (a) These refurbishments were:
 - i. Replacement of carpet in an office area and
 - ii. Modifications to Digitisation work area to allow for changing workflows.
 - (b) The total cost of these works was \$81,395 (excluding GST).
 - (c) The cost of the replacement of carpet in an office area was \$53,900 (excluding GST). The cost of modifications to Digitisation work area was \$27,495 (excluding GST).
 - (d) The replacement of carpet was conducted by Master Carpets Pty Ltd. The modifications to Digitisation work area was completed by Aabre Pty Ltd.
 - (e) Master Carpets Pty Ltd were selected from a panel of suppliers. Aabre Pty Ltd were engaged by direct sourcing.
 - (f) Both projects have been completed.

National Museum of Australia

1. Yes.
 - (a) Upgrade of Mezzanine, Chemical Storage and Hot works areas at the National Museum of Australia's collection storage facilities at Mitchell, ACT.
 - (b) \$284,000 (estimate).
 - (c) Design fees \$50,000, construction \$234,000 (estimate).

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(d) SQC Architecture for design. Procurement for construction not finalised.

(e) Limited Tender.

(f) June 2016.

National Portrait Gallery

1. Yes, the National Portrait Gallery has engaged in new refurbishments, upgrades or changes to their building or facilities during the reporting period 14 September 2015 to 9 February 2016.

(a) – (f): see list below:

Agency	Project	Total cost for these changes	Itemised cost for each item of expenditure (ex GST)	If so, who conducted the works?	If so, list the process for identifying who would conduct these works	If so, when are the works expected to be completed?
National Portrait Gallery of Australia	Security camera additions	\$0.00	10,170.00	Secom	Under Existing Contract	Completed
	Basement sump pump Replacement		63,801.00	RCR Haden	Under Existing Contract	Completed
	Commercial kitchen replacement		2,180.00	The A C and R Co.	Under Existing Contract	Ongoing to be completed next Fin Yr
	Terrace room carpet replacement		28,040.00	Intrepid Imagineering & Nu Lay Flooring	Under Existing Contract	Completed
	Roof space temporary walkway		3,400.00	Rovera Scaffolding	Under Existing Contract	Completed
	Upgrade/ replacement of the basement air conditioning units		42,381.00	Haden	Under Existing Contract	Ongoing to be completed by end of this FY

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1. Yes
 - (a) Upgraded lower entry disability lift, and front terrace shade solution for visitors.
 - (b) \$74,140 including GST.
 - (c) \$62,480 including GST for practical completion of lift on 16/12/2016, \$11,660 including GST for front terrace shade solution.
 - (d) The Platform Lift Company for the lift, Ricklind Pty Ltd for shade solution.
 - (e) Request for Quote process on both procurements.
 - (f) Lift was installed and completed on 16/12/2015, shade solution due for completion end of March 2016.