

**Senate Standing Committee on Economics**

**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**Treasury Portfolio**

Additional Estimates

26 February 2014

**Question: AET 1060**

**Topic: Departmental Upgrades (ATO)**

**Written: 5 March 2014**

**Senator LUDWIG asked:**

1060) Since 7 September 2013 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:**

1060) Yes.

<b>(a) Site</b>	<b>(b) Total Cost (\$ Million)</b>	<b>(c) Itemised expenditure<sup>1</sup> (\$ Million)</b>	<b>(d) Who conducted works</b>	<b>(f) expected completion date</b>
45-53 Kembla Street, Wollongong NSW	10.50	LHI = 8.70 BFF = 1.50 POE = 0.29	Pupovac Constructions	Practical completion took place in October 2013
Building 2 Gympie/Banfield Streets, Chermside QLD	11.50	LHI = 6.30 BFF = 4.30 POE = 0.86	Quadric	17 April 2014
Box Hill	32.38	LHI = 24.50 BFF = 7.09 POE = 0.79	Grocon Constructions	31 March 2015
Dandenong	20.66	LHI = 15.10 BFF = 5.00 POE = 0.51	BUILT	1 October 2015

- e) Project works are oversighted by DTZ (ATO Property Services provider) who establish / renew and engage providers from a panel of providers (subcontractors) which are then approved by the ATO. DTZ must perform their services in line with relevant industry standards, commonwealth guidelines, rules and laws.

All costs for fit outs and new sites are scrutinised by the *Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works* who provide a recommendation to the *House of Representatives* and need to be supported and approved before work is completed. This ensures government is aware of all large items of capital being spent and ensures a value for money outcome is delivered.

<sup>1</sup> LHI = Leasehold Improvement, BFF = Bulk Furniture and Fittings, POE = Property Operating Expense