

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE Additional Estimates 2015 - 2016

Cross Portfolio

Department of Employment Question No. EMSQ16-000425

Senator Ludwig provided in writing.

Question

Departmental Upgrades

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

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

1. Since 14 September 2015, the Department of Employment has undertaken building works in properties at 140-180 City Walk Canberra (Garema Court) and 4 Spongolite Street, Beard (Storage Facility).
2. The cost of both buildings is shared with the Department of Education and Training. The Department's share of the cost is \$520,134.05.
3. The Department's share for Garema Court is: construction works \$400,000; consultants \$25,000, removalists \$25,000 and workstation installers \$50,000. The Storage Facility costs are: security systems \$10,425.85; minor fit-out works \$8,601 and electrical works \$1,109.20.
4. The building works were undertaken by: Rork Constructions, AMC Architects, WT Partnership, Balfrans Removals, Allied Pickfords (Canberra), UCI Pty Ltd, Schiavello Pty Ltd, CDS Security Ptd Ltd, Dexion Pty Ltd and Smart Energy Pty Ltd.
5. A tender process was conducted for the engagement of the vendors.
6. The building works undertaken at the Storage Facility were completed in December 2015. The works currently being undertaken at Garema Court are scheduled to be completed by March 2016.