

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Supplementary Budget Estimates 2014-2015**

Cross Portfolio

Department of Employment Question No. EM1016_15

Senator Ludwig provided in writing.

Question

Departmental upgrades

Since Budget Estimates in June, 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

1. The Department of Employment has undertaken building works in properties at 10, 12 and 14 Mort Street Canberra to prepare them for occupancy as the department's national office headquarters. These premises were previously occupied by the corporate areas of the former Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations.
2. The total budget for the three buildings, approved by the Public Works Committee (PWC), is \$6.5 million.
3. 10 Mort Street common areas and work spaces \$0.8m; 12 Mort Street common areas and work spaces \$3.9m; 14 Mort Street common areas and work spaces \$1m; basement works \$0.05m; project management and contingency \$0.9m.
4. Project management is being undertaken by Xact Project Consultants and the managing contractor for the works is BUILT Pty Ltd.
5. A tender process was conducted for the engagement of the vendors.
6. The works are scheduled to be completed by 31 January 2015.