

Senate Committee: Education and Employment

QUESTION ON NOTICE Supplementary Budget Estimates 2015 - 2016

Outcome: Cross Portfolio - Corporate

Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ15-000637

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MoG: timing and costs

Question

Senator URQUHART: Can you please talk us through every step that needs to happen for the staff to move back to the department? I want to talk about the timing and the cost of each of those steps for that to occur.

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Ms Monkley: We will talk through the general exercise. When we go into these machinery-of-government changes, we will negotiate with the other department. The first steps are really around trying to identify the people that are involved, the functions of those people and where they are located. That is the action that we are going through at the moment. That will lead to the transfer of the payroll arrangements and then lead into the property moves. What we do as a consequence of that is then identify the associated equipment with those people such as PCs, and then we go into a plan with our property people of relocating them. So what that involves is identifying where they are currently are, where they are moving to, and then basically space planning and logistics planning around affecting that move of the people and the things that they bring with them.

Senator URQUHART: Do you know what the cost associated with that is?

Ms Monkley: We have not quantified that yet. As I have indicated previously, we will take that on notice.

Senator URQUHART: So you can take it on notice and break it down in terms of the timing, the steps and the future costs.

Ms Paul: We have a much better feel after the section 72. Although you can do it in a rolling wave, that will hopefully include all those corporate people, but we do not know yet. The cost of the accommodation move we will know by mid-November hopefully.

Answer

- First step is to identify what staff are moving across from programme and corporate areas. The list of staff is provided to the Department of Education and Training. All affected staff are advised by DSS.
- Identify information, data, files and equipment to be transferred.
- The list of staff is agreed between the departments and is provided to the APSC to prepare the Public Service Act s.72 determination. The s.72 was signed on Thursday 5 November 2015, at which point the staff became employees of the Department of Education and Training.
- Accommodation moves were arranged to relocate National Office staff from DSS premises.
- The move commenced at 12.30 pm on Friday 6 November 2015 and was completed on Saturday 7 November 2015.
- IT and Data transfer processes were completed on Sunday 8 November 2015.
- Staff commenced in the department and premises on Monday 9 November 2015.
- Refer to QoN SQ15-000629.