

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES 2014-15**

**Finance Portfolio**

**Department/Agency:** Department of Finance  
**Outcome/Program:** General  
**Topic:** New Finance Premises

**Senator:** Wong

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**Question:**

1. Can the Department provide a table of the financial implications of the four options that were considered for Finance that have been presented in the Department's submission to the Public Works Committee? This should show the cash costs over the forward estimates for each of the options, and the costs over a twenty year period. These would be the cash costs shown in the table on page 12 of the Department's submission.
2. Can the Department also provide a table showing the year-by-year profile for the Net Present Value that the Department have presented in its submission (again on page 12).
3. Noting the issue of car parking in the Parliamentary Triangle, what considerations have been given for car parks in relation to the new tenancy? According to the submission there will be 495 car parks in the basement, but there are 1,413 employees as stated in the Department's submission – how will parking be managed?
4. If it is all approved, when is the intended time frame for commencing moving into the new premises, and when will all Finance staff be located in the building? Are there any staff that will be prioritised in terms of moving into the new building?

**Answer:**

1. This information can be found in:
  - a) the Department's Submission "Proposed fit-out of new leased premises for the Department of Finance at One Canberra Avenue, Forrest, ACT" provided to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works in December 2014;
  - b) the Department's evidence given at the Committee's public hearings on 13 February 2015 and 20 March 2015; and
  - c) further supplementary information provided to the Committee in letters from the Department dated 17 and 19 February 2015 which are available at [http://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary\\_Business/Committees/Joint/Public\\_Works/Fit-out\\_DoF\\_ACT/Submissions](http://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/Joint/Public_Works/Fit-out_DoF_ACT/Submissions).

2. Due to its commercial confidentiality, this information cannot be provided. Finance has provided a detailed cost benefit analysis including net present values in a confidential submission to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works.
3. Consistent with current arrangements, staff will be responsible for their own parking. The One Canberra Avenue building includes 495 car parks including motorcycle and disabled parking. If Finance were to co-locate at One Canberra Avenue, all SES will be offered a car park and the remaining car parks will be allocated to staff through a ballot process. Finance staff utilising employer provided car parks will continue to be required to make a contribution to reduce the associated FBT costs. A multistorey car park station (located behind the Australian National Audit Office) is currently under construction and expected to be completed by mid-2015. There are a number of other private parking facilities available to staff in the area.
4. If Finance was to co-locate at One Canberra Avenue, a staged move would be expected to occur between the third quarter of 2015 and mid 2016.