

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Senator: Gallagher

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Question:

Senator GALLAGHER: Could I maybe get that on notice: what the elements of the work have been for the project? Have security enhancements been informed by another piece of work?

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Senator Cormann: The Lodge refurbishment is a substantial project—

Ms Halton: It is very significant.

Senator Cormann: including, now, obviously, some security upgrades which have come into scope in more recent times. In relation to Kirribilli, the work that is undertaken at Kirribilli is care and maintenance.

Senator GALLAGHER: I will be interested in that question on notice concerning the breakdown.

Answer:

The breakdown of works for the Lodge Refurbishment Project includes:

- Replacement of:
 - slate roof
 - carpet to level 1
 - two guardhouses and provision of a new external toilet block
- Refurbishment of:
 - kitchen
 - female dressing room
 - bathrooms, including the provision of an accessible bathroom in the house

- Removal of:
 - hazardous materials including asbestos and lead paint
- Upgrade of:
 - fire prevention systems in the house
 - heating and cooling systems in the house
- Compliance modifications to:
 - service staircase
 - address workplace health and safety concerns, including installation of a luggage lift and provision of compliant balcony balustrades
- Reconfiguration of:
 - gardeners shed
 - staff areas and refurbishment
- Electrical re-wiring of the house.
- Internal and external painting.

The Department of Finance is not undertaking security enhancements at The Lodge. Security enhancements are the responsibility of the Attorney-General's Department.