

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee —Budget Estimates Hearing—May 2015

Answers to Questions on Notice

Parliamentary departments, Department of Parliamentary Services

Topic: **Works undertaken in PM's office and cabinet suite**

Question: **42**

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Senator WONG: What about since September 2013? Can you tell me the costs in relation to works undertaken in the Prime Minister's office and the cabinet suite, in particular equipment, renovations furniture and furnishings.

Mr Skill: For that specific detail, I would have to take it on notice. There were some works undertaken during that time in the Prime Minister's suite—

Senator WONG: No-one here can tell me what has been done in the Prime Minister's office or the cabinet suite? Seriously?

Mr Skill: For that specific period—

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Senator WONG: Senator Faulkner asked last time a lot of questions about the previous financial year. Have all answers been provided. I am sorry I—

Mr Skill: They have all been provided in our response.

Senator WONG: Have you got them here or can you give me the reference and I will look them up?

Mr Skill: Question 191 of the October 2014 Senate estimates goes to full detail around the works that we have done in the Prime Minister's suite. There is also question 192 of the same area that went to some questions around fabrics et cetera that were used in that space.

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Senator WONG: So, for the status A areas, you are looking at about \$50,000; non-status A, \$52,000; and then the cabinet area, status A, \$31,000. Can you just update this?

Mr Skill: Update the figures?

Senator WONG: Yes. These go to January 2014. You have given me from July 2014. What is between January and July?

Mr Skill: I am not aware of there being any refurbishment-type works, as per the ones that you are looking at in the column there, in that period, but we will certainly—

Senator WONG: Why do you keep narrowing it? I just want to know what money was spent.

Mr Skill: I can respond and give you a total figure of how much was spent in the Prime Minister's area from that date to that date.

Senator WONG: Thank you—in the same categories that you have helpfully done here. I would appreciate that, Mr Skill.

Mr Skill: We can certainly do that.

Answer

Maintenance work in the PMO and Cabinet rooms between the 1 January and 30 June 2014 cost \$11,464.35.

The maintenance works are listed in the following table:

Date	Work undertaken	Cost
9/1/14	Remove coffee machine	\$135.00
9/1/14	Investigate disconnected cable	\$67.50
10/1/14	Remove existing coffee machine	\$67.50
10/1/14	Repair to door in PM's foyer	\$337.50
10/1/14	Erect scaffolding	\$101.25
13/1/14	Replace dishwasher in PMO Kitchen	\$135.00
13/1/14	Repair door in PM's foyer	\$337.50
13/1/14	Investigate leaking hot water unit	\$67.50
14/1/14	Paint sitting room	\$2,515.60
15/1/14	Electrical repair	\$168.75
17/1/14	Flickering light	\$67.50
20/1/14	Perkins benches maintenance	\$270.00
21/1/14 to 26/2/14	Lights out or flickering	\$607.50
12/2/14	Relocate thermostat	\$67.50
20/2/14	Left side of oven not working	\$67.50
21/2/14	Repair to oven door	\$67.50
3/3/14	Remove Ante room table	\$405.00
10/3/14	Install general power outlet (GPO) in kitchen	\$135.00
11/3/14	Install GPO into PMO dining room	\$708.75
11/3/14	Install light fittings in kitchen	\$540.00
8/4/14	Art works removed	\$1,144.00
10/4/14	Art works removed	\$506.00
11/4/14 to 17/6/14	Investigations/Repairs to flickering lights	\$1,552.50
2/5/14	Move furniture	\$101.25
6/5/14	Remove art tracks	\$270.00
12/5/14	Repair dimmer in sitting room	\$337.50
13/5/14	Water leak	\$67.50
19/5/14	Annual microwave maintenance	\$67.50
19/5/14	Remove GPO for investigation	\$67.50
21/5/14	Repair to doors	\$303.75
21/5/14	Install curtain stays	\$33.75
21/5/14	Double sided tape removal and clean-up of surfaces	\$143.75
TOTAL		\$11,464.35