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Question:

1. When the Member for Lyons, Mr Brian Mitchell, MP, won the seat of Lyons, what offices were available to him?
2. Is Mr Mitchell retaining these offices?
3. If not, when is Mr Mitchell planning to leave, or has he already vacated?
4. If leaving / left, where has Mr Mitchell relocated?
5. If leaving / left, when does / did the lease on Mr Mitchell's Brighton office expire?
6. If the lease is still in place, what has been the cost to taxpayers of Mr Mitchell's decision to break the lease on his Brighton office?
7. What is the actual (or estimate) cost to the taxpayer for the establishment of Mr Mitchell's new office in Bridgewater?
8. In respect of Mr Mitchell's Perth office, how long is it since this was renovated?
9. What was the cost of that last renovation?

Answer:

1. Offices available to the Member for Lyons were 53B Main Road Perth and 205 Brighton Road Brighton, Tasmania.
2. The Perth office has been retained. The office in Brighton was not retained.
3. The Brighton office was vacated on 15 May 2017.
4. The Member for Lyons relocated to Suite 105, Green Point Plaza, 26-28 Green Point Road, Bridgewater, Tasmania.
5. The lease on the Brighton office expired on 31 October 2016. Following this, the lease was on a month to month arrangement, which was ceased on 31 May 2017.
6. N/A.
7. The estimated cost of the establishment of the Bridgewater office is \$90,000 (GST exclusive).
8. The Perth office was last renovated in April 2014.
9. The cost of the last renovation of the Perth office was \$218,184 (GST exclusive).