

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

Finance Portfolio

Department/Agency: Department of Finance

Outcome/Program: 3/3.1

Topic: Electorate Office Relocations

Senator: Ludwig

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Question:

Since Budget Estimates in May 2014:

1. What are the guidelines through which a member or senator can request to have their electorate office relocated?
2. Please provide a list of standard features, fixtures, furniture and other equipment that come standard with an electorate office relocation.
3. Which members and/or senators have relocated their electorate offices to a new location during the specified period?
4. For each listed above, please provide a cost break down for the relocation.
5. For each listed above, please provide a list of all specific requests made by the member, senator or their office for features, fixtures, furniture and other equipment.
6. Please provide a copy of any communication (including but not limited to emails, letters, memos, notes etc) between the member, senator or their office regarding the office relocation.

Answer:

1. -2. This information can be found at:
http://maps.finance.gov.au/entitlements_handbooks/senators-and-members/Part_Three_Accommodation_Office_Facilities_-_3.1_Electorate_Offices.asp
3. See below. The list includes temporary relocations:

Senator the Hon Simon Birmingham
Senator the Hon George Brandis QC
Mr Andrew Broad MP
Hon Mal Brough MP
Ms Anna Burke MP
The Hon Darren Chester MP

Senator Jacqui Lambie
Senator David Leyonhjelm
Mr Robert Mitchell MP
Senator Barry O'Sullivan
Mr Tony Pasin MP
Hon Christian Porter MP
The Hon Philip Ruddock MP
Ms Maria Vamvakinou MP
Mr Tim Watts MP
Mrs Lucy Wicks MP

4. – 6. Costs of electorate office fit outs are routinely published in Members and Senators Six Monthly Expenditure Reports. To attempt to provide a further level of detail would involve an unreasonable diversion of departmental resources.