

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee  
—Supplementary Budget Estimates Hearing—October 2014**

**Answers to Questions on Notice**

**Parliamentary departments, Department of Parliamentary Services**

Topic: **Renovation costs**  
Question: **179**  
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**Date set by the committee for the return of answer: 31 December 2014**

**Mr Skill:** I just want to tell you what we found. As part of the renovations, when we were gutting some of the original fit-out, we found things like smoke exhausts that were not on the plans, we found a lot of things in the walls that were not on the original plans. Therefore, we could not have predicted them until the walls came down.

**Senator HEFFERNAN:** There would have been a contingency for that I take it.

**Mr Skill:** There was a contingency.

**Senator HEFFERNAN:** What was the contingency?

**Mr Skill:** I would have to take that on notice to find out what the actual contingency was.

**Answer**

The establishment of 'base building' which involved the removal of existing structure and services and the introduction of modified services to create a primary base structure for the 1D.1 project, had an established budget of \$940,329, included a contingency of \$205,119 and at the end of the reporting period of 30 September 2014 had a final listed cost of \$1,081,781.

The 'fit-out' of 1D.1 had an established budget of \$2,014,872, included a contingency of \$155,300 and had a final forecast at the end of the nominated reporting period of 30 September 2014 of \$2,153,661. The variation between budget and actual for the fit-out of 1D.1 can be attributed to variances primarily in the area of services such as painting finishes, plumbing, joinery and tiling.

The total expected cost of the 1D.1 Project at 30 September 2014 was \$3,235,442 (all prices are GST inclusive).

The 1D.1 area includes meeting rooms and accommodates the staff of the Secretary's office, and office space for approximately 25 other staff.