

**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: **Electorate Office Relocations**

Question: **200**

Written: **Senator Ludwig**

Date set by the committee for the return of answer: 31 December 2014

Since Budget Estimates in June, 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

DPS is only responsible for the provision and relocation of ICT equipment in electorate offices. The Department of Finance is responsible for managing electorate office relocation requests from members and senators including the provision of features, fixtures, furniture and non-ICT equipment.

1. Question 1 should be referred to the Department of Finance as the custodian of this guideline.
2. DPS only provides ICT equipment for the Electorate Offices. The following equipment is provided to an electorate office as part of the member or senators "core entitlement":
 - 4 Desktop PC's
 - 4 Monitors
 - 1 Multi Function Device (MFD)
 - 1 Black & White networked printer
 - 1 Network router
 - 1 Network switch
 - 1 File server
 - 1 Uninterrupted power supply (UPS) for the file server, network switch and router
3. The following members and senators have relocated their offices during the requested period:

	Member	Reason
1.	Mr Rob Mitchell MP	New location
2.	Mr Tim Watts MP	New location

	Member	Reason
3.	The Hon Darren Chester MP	New location
4.	Ms Cathy McGowan AO, MP	New location
5.	The Hon Philip Ruddock MP	New location
6.	Mr Andrew Broad MP	New location
7.	The Hon Mal Brough MP	New location
8.	Mr Tony Pasin MP	Move from a temporary office to final location
9.	Mrs Lucy Wicks MP	Move to a temporary office
10.	Mrs Lucy Wicks MP	Move from a temporary office to final location
11.	The Hon Christian Porter MP	New location
12.	Ms Anna Burke MP	Emergency relocation to temporary office

	Senator	Reason
1.	Senator the Hon Simon Birmingham	New location
2.	Senator the Hon George Brandis QC	Move from CPO to new location
3.	Senator James McGrath	Post Senate Changeover
4.	Senator Matthew Canavan	Post Senate Changeover
5.	Senator Bob Day AO	Post Senate Changeover
6.	Senator Ricky Muir	Post Senate Changeover
7.	Senator Jacqui Lambie	Post Senate Changeover
8.	Senator David Leyonhjelm	Post Senate Changeover (move to temporary location)
9.	Senator Barry O'Sullivan	Move to temporary location
10.	Senator David Leyonhjelm	Move to final location
11.	Senator Barry O'Sullivan	Move to final location

4. The following is a cost breakdown of DPS costs for these relocations. The Department of Finance may have additional costs for each of these relocations.

Office	Telstra	NEC	MFD	Total
Mr Rob Mitchell MP	\$10,853	\$8,819	\$243	\$19,914
Mr Tim Watts MP	Nil	\$9,497	\$243	\$9,740
The Hon Darren Chester MP	Nil	\$7,801	\$243	\$8,044
Ms Cathy McGowan AO, MP	Nil	\$5,088	Nil	\$5,088
The Hon Philip Ruddock MP	\$1,211	\$7,801	\$121	\$9,133
Mr Andrew Broad MP	Nil	\$6,105	\$508	\$6,613
The Hon Mal Brough MP	\$3,948	\$6,444	\$508	\$10,901
Mr Tony Pasin MP	\$12,383	\$6,444	\$508	\$19,335
Mrs Lucy Wicks MP	Nil	\$8,819	\$508	\$9,327
Ms Anna Burke MP	Nil	\$8,140	\$243	\$8,383
Senator the Hon Simon Birmingham	Nil	\$8,140	\$243	\$8,383
Senator the Hon George Brandis QC	Nil	\$6,784	\$508	\$7,292
Senator James McGrath	\$1459	\$7,123	\$2,229	\$10,810
Senator Matthew Canavan	\$1,500	\$6,784	\$2,377	\$10,661
Senator Bob Day AO	Nil	\$8,819	\$364	\$9,183
Senator Ricky Muir	Nil	\$8,819	\$243	\$10,749

Office	Telstra	NEC	MFD	Total
Senator Jacqui Lambie	\$410	\$8,818	\$1520	\$9,736
Senator Barry O'Sullivan	\$2469	\$7,801	\$243	\$10,513
Senator David Leyonhjelm	\$1680	\$9,158	\$1,021	\$11,859
TOTAL	\$35,912	\$147,204	\$11,871	\$194,987

5. No specific requests were made as a result of relocations.
6. All communication between the members, senators and/or their office is coordinated through the Department of Finance.