

Question: 11
Topic: Furniture relocation
Written: 4 November 2015

Senator LUDWIG asked:

1. Provide an itemised breakdown of all items moved by Department of the Senate for the office of Senator the Hon George Brandis from the Deputy Senate Leader's office to the Senate Leader's office
2. Provide pictures of any item of furniture moved by Department of the Senate listed above
3. What was the total cost of moving these items?
4. Breakdown this cost by task/service or activity per item listed
5. Who conducted the work involved in moving each item of furniture? Was any work conducted by non-Department of Senate sources? If so, list these sources. What was the cost for procuring these services? How were they obtained? Under what policy were they engaged?
6. Provide all communication with the office of Senator the Hon George Brandis concerning the items to be moved to the Senator's new suite
7. Were items moved by Department of Senate for Senator Brandis initially not considered for transfer to the Senator's new suite?
8. Were any new items of furniture purchased for the Senator's new suite by Department of Senate? If so, itemise each item, providing a cost breakdown of each item, the source from which they were purchased, how the source was identified, who requested the item and any correspondence concerning the purchase of the items.
9. Was any modifications or changes made to the Senator's previous or new suite on his move between offices by Department of Senate? If so, itemise these changes, provide a cost breakdown of each change, who the changes were requested by, correspondence concerning these changes, who made each change and how they were selected to perform these changes.

Answer

The Department of the Senate had no involvement in the movement of Senator Brandis from the Deputy Leader of the Senate's suite to the Leader of the Senate's suite.