

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
—Supplementary Budget Estimates Hearing—October 2015**

Answers to Questions on Notice

Parliamentary departments, Department of Parliamentary Services

Topic: **Cost of Ministerial movements**

Question: **15**

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Senator WONG: I presume, because you are all assiduous preparers, that people are aware to my questions to the Department of the Senate about the moves associated with the change to the ministry and the Prime Minister.

Dr Heriot: Yes.

Senator WONG: What information can you give me on that—the costs and what occurred?

Dr Heriot: While Mr Ryan is taking his seat at the front, I can tell you that I am advised that there were seven moves of senators, 23 moves of members and 23 moves in the ministry associated with the appointment of a new Prime Minister and his cabinet. We undertake, as suite changes happen, wherever possible routine maintenance, including patching, painting and other minor repairs as necessary. We also have responsibility for changing glass plaque signages as people change their official positions, and I understand that we have done a number of those that I just mentioned as associated with the move. We have done paint and patch repairs. Because they are done by our staff, I am afraid I do not have a cost for you. I can take that on notice as a hypothetical cost.

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Senator WONG: Okay. What about the cost of moving—the actual relocation itself, with boxes and a contractor to carry them? How is that managed? Do I wait for Mr Ryan to come back?

Dr Heriot: I understand that we do not bear those costs, but I will get confirmation when Mr Ryan is back. I am afraid I do not have a cost—but I can provide it on notice—of our patch and repair work, because we absorb that as part of our normal work. Myra may have a cost.

Senator WONG: I will come back to moves, and I will come back to the broken marble table. Can I go to bollards, and then—

CHAIR: Just before you do, Senator Smith has a question in relation to that last line.

Senator SMITH: Dr Heriot, in addition to providing to Senator Wong with the costs of the patch and repair for the most recent ministerial changes, perhaps you could provide them also for the two prime ministerial changes that happened under the previous government so we can have a comparative assessment.

Dr Heriot: We will do our best.

Answer

Cost breakdown by period is in the tables below Cost includes labour and materials where expended:

Prime Minister Abbott to Prime Minister Turnbull					
Work Order	Date	Description	Start date	Finish date	Cost (\$)
2067980	17/09/2015	Replace PM's glass name plate Hon Malcolm Turnbull	17/09/2015	21/09/2015	105.00
2067995	23/09/2015	glass name plate Hon Scott Morrison	23/09/2015	29/09/2015	70.00
2067996	23/09/2015	glass name plate Hon Arthur Sinodinos	23/09/2015	29/09/2015	70.00
2067997	23/09/2015	glass name plate Hon Marise Payne	23/09/2015	29/09/2015	70.00
2067998	23/09/2015	glass name plate Hon Michaelia Cash	23/09/2015	29/09/2015	70.00

Prime Minister Abbott to Prime Minister Turnbull					
Work Order	Date	Description	Start date	Finish date	Cost (\$)
2067999	23/09/2015	glass name plate Hon Josh Frydenberg	23/09/2015	29/09/2015	70.00
2068000	23/09/2015	glass name plate Hon Mitch Fifield	23/09/2015	29/09/2015	70.00
2068001	23/09/2015	glass name plate Hon Christopher Pyne	23/09/2015	29/09/2015	70.00
2068002	23/09/2015	glass name plate Hon George Brandis	23/09/2015	29/09/2015	70.00
2068003	23/09/2015	glass name plate Hon Paul Fletcher	23/09/2015	29/09/2015	70.00
2068004	23/09/2015	glass name plate Hon Steven Ciobo	23/09/2015	29/09/2015	70.00
2068005	23/09/2015	glass name plate Hon Richard Colbeck	23/09/2015	29/09/2015	70.00
2068006	23/09/2015	glass name plate Hon Kelly O'Dwyer	23/09/2015	29/09/2015	70.00
2068007	23/09/2015	glass name plate Hon Mathias Cormann	23/09/2015	29/09/2015	70.00
2068008	23/09/2015	glass name plate Hon Mal Brough	23/09/2015	29/09/2015	70.00
2068009	23/09/2015	glass name plate Hon Barnaby Joyce	23/09/2015	29/09/2015	70.00
2068010	23/09/2015	glass name plate Hon Jamie Briggs	23/09/2015	29/09/2015	70.00
2068011	23/09/2015	glass name plate Hon Fiona Nash	23/09/2015	29/09/2015	70.00
2068012	23/09/2015	glass name plate Hon Stuart Robert	23/09/2015	29/09/2015	70.00
2068013	23/09/2015	glass name plate Hon Christian Porter	23/09/2015	29/09/2015	70.00
2068014	23/09/2015	glass name plate Hon Simon Birmingham	23/09/2015	29/09/2015	70.00
2068015	23/09/2015	glass name plate Hon Luke Hartsuyker	23/09/2015	29/09/2015	70.00
2068050	16/10/2015	(A)Installation of Coat Hooks - MG-70	16/10/2015	20/10/2015	140.00
2068059	06/10/2015	(A)MG-60: Cleaning of walls	06/10/2015	14/10/2015	595.00
2068060	06/10/2015	(A)MG-60: P&P walls as required.	06/10/2015	14/10/2015	735.00
2068115	16/10/2015	Cut Resource Room Shelving MG-70	16/10/2015	20/10/2015	245.00
				Total	3,045.00

Prime Minister Gillard to Prime Minister Rudd					
Work Order	Date	Description	Start date	Finish date	Cost (\$)
2058567	29/07/2013	Change back door punch combo	29/07/2013	05/08/2013	33.75
2058579	29/07/2013	Reset back door lock combo	29/07/2013	05/08/2013	33.75
2058509	17/07/2013	Glass Door Sign	17/07/2013	19/07/2013	67.50
2058510	17/07/2013	Glass Door Sign	17/07/2013	19/07/2013	67.50
2058404	08/07/2013	manufacture glass name plate K. Thomson	08/07/2013	15/07/2013	67.50
2058405	08/07/2013	manufacture glass name plate A. Griffin	08/07/2013	15/07/2013	67.50
2058406	08/07/2013	manufacture glass name plates x 2	08/07/2013	15/07/2013	135.00
2058407	08/07/2013	manufacture glass name plates x 5	08/07/2013	15/07/2013	337.50
2058445	08/07/2013	MG-68: Hang mirror	08/07/2013	15/07/2013	67.50

Prime Minister Gillard to Prime Minister Rudd					
Work Order	Date	Description	Start date	Finish date	Cost (\$)
2058394	01/07/2013	Glass door name plate - Senator Ludwig	01/07/2013	08/07/2013	67.50
2058395	01/07/2013	Glass door name plate - Senator Conroy	01/07/2013	08/07/2013	67.50
2058431	01/07/2013	Ministerial Signage change	01/07/2013	25/07/2013	1,215.00
				Total	2,227.50

Prime Minister Rudd to Prime Minister Gillard					
Work Order	Date	Description	Start date	Finish date	Cost (\$)
2050525	28/06/2010	R2-114 manufacture glass name plate	28/06/2010	05/07/2010	60.00
2050631	28/06/2010	New Signage for Ministers suite's	28/06/2010	07/07/2010	180.00
2050571	30/06/2010	repair door lock	30/06/2010	08/07/2010	420.00
2050574	05/07/2010	Change back door combination	05/07/2010	13/07/2010	30.00
2050575	05/07/2010	Change back door combination	05/07/2010	13/07/2010	30.00
				Total	720.00