

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: **Ministerial lunchrooms glazing**

Question: **36**

Hansard Reference **p 53, 54; 19 October 2015**

Date set by the committee for the return of answer: 4 December 2015

Senator LUDWIG: This next was a matter raised at the last estimates, I think, as well; it was a question that I think Mr Skill at the time was answering, but the evidence was that there was an upgrade of the lunchrooms in the ministerial wing which was not part of the new policy proposal, and that the funding did not come out of the security work budget. At the time, Mr Skill gave evidence that the status of the works was:

Some small joinery work, but most of the cost associated with it is glazing.

That was out of *Hansard* at page 141. But, in response, the answer to question No. 48 indicated that the cost of the lunchroom refurbishment was \$575,322, so it does not accord with 'some small joinery work'—at least, that is not the way I would consider 'some small joinery work', unless your view of 'some small joinery work' is different from mine.

Dr Heriot: The joinery work is small. The glazing is not.

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Senator LUDWIG: Maybe we can then have the extent of the glazing work, the cost of that, whether it has been completed and, if not, then when.

Dr Heriot: It has not been completed. I will take the when on notice, if that is alright.

Senator LUDWIG: Yes, please. Where are they located in the ministerial wing? Is there a way we can best describe it, or perhaps you could do that in the answer. I do not really want a diagram.

Dr Heriot: We can do a diagram.

Senator LUDWIG: All right. As long as it does not breach any security requirements.

Answer

The glazing is between the curved balcony wall and the ceiling in both first floor lunch rooms.

Works are programmed to be complete on 8 December 2015.

Total cost for both lunch rooms is forecast at \$468,662.

The Ministerial lunchrooms are located:

- Ground floor, West side: MG.62
- Ground floor, East side: MG.49
- First floor, West side: M1.43
- First floor, East side: M1.25