

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: **Furniture Relocation**

Question: **74**

Written **Senator Ludwig**

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

1. Provide an itemised breakdown of all furniture moved by DPS 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 each item of furniture moved by DPS 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-DPS 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 DPS 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? 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. Were any modifications or changes made to the Senator's previous or new suite on his move between offices? 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

1. The itemised breakdown is as follows:
 - a. Movement of lounge
 - b. Movement of bookcase, and
 - c. Movement of coffee table
2. Photos of items a), b) & c).
 - a. Lounge



b. Bookcase



c. Coffee table



3. Total cost of moving these items was \$1,192.18 (exc. GST)
4. Itemised costs
 - a. Movement of lounge to new office – \$0.
 - b. Movement of bookcase to new office – \$1,174 (exc.GST).
 - c. Movement of coffee table from DPS furniture store – \$18.18 (exc. GST).
5.
 - a. Movement of lounge – \$ 0 - cost incurred by Ministerial Wing Support (MWS), Dept. of Finance; engaged under Service Level Agreement.
 - b. Movement of bookcase – \$ 1,174 (exc.GST) provided by Designcraft; engaged under purchase order.
 - c. Movement of coffee table – \$ 18.18 (exc. GST) provided by Canberra Queanbeyan Cleaning Services (CQCS); engaged under purchase order. CQCS are under a standing contract.
6. No communication was undertaken with the office of Senator the Hon George Brandis. All requests were received through MWS, Dept. of Finance.
7. No.
8. No.
9. A patch and paint was required to the Senator's previous suite following the removal of the bookcase. This was undertaken by DPS in-house painters at a cost of \$350. (5hrs @\$70hr).