

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS
ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S PORTFOLIO

Program: General

Question No. SBE15/084

Senator Ludwig asked the following question at the hearing on 20 October 2015:

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

The answer to the honourable senator's question is as follows:

1. The department assisted the Department of Finance in relocating office machines, filing cabinets and ICT equipment from the Deputy Senate Leader's office to the Senate Leader's office. A list of items moved by the department is provided at Attachment A.
2. There were no costs to the department to move the items as existing AGD staff undertook this process.

3. Not applicable.

4. The Department of Finance is responsible for moving all items of furniture within the Ministerial Wing of Parliament House. This question should be directed to the Department of Finance.

5. All communications between the department and the office of Senator the Hon George Brandis QC are provided at Attachment B. Names of non-SES officers have been redacted.

6. No.

7. No.

8. No.