

Senate Environment, Communications, Information Technology & the Arts

Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Communications, Information Technology and the Arts Portfolio

Department – National Office for the Information Economy

Additional Estimates 2000-2001, (21-22/2/01)

Outcome 2, Output 2.3

Question: 163

Topic: NOIE accommodation - Melbourne

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Senator Lundy asked:

...are there additional costs associated with the establishment of the new Melbourne office? If so, what are they? Can you take on notice the question about the additional costs?

Answer: There will be additional costs associated with the establishment of the new NOIE Melbourne office. Exact costs are not known at this stage as lease negotiations have not yet been finalised. However, it is expected that office rental will be no greater than \$95,000.00 per annum, with a required office space of 350 square metres. The commercial fit-out is expected to cost a maximum of \$200,000.00. This cost is a one off cost and subject to some negotiation with the building owners.

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Question: 164

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Senator Lundy asked:

Was NOIE incurring rent/lease charges when it was co-located with DISR in Melbourne? Answer: Yes. Can you tell me how much that was? You can take that on notice.

Answer: A rent of \$28,000.00 per annum has been paid to DISR for the co-located office accommodation.

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Output 2.2 – Strategic advice, programs and policy to put Government services online.

Output 2.3 – Strategic advice, programs and policy to advance Australia's participation in the global information economy.

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Senator Lundy asked:

With eight in Melbourne, eight in Sydney and you going in between, leaving about 140-odd here in Canberra. Can you tell me proportionally how many of those people are involved in that policy development type of work and how many of those people are involved in program implementation and the specific programs that NOIE has carriage of?

Answer:

NOIE currently has 90.5% of its staff involved in policy development and related work- the remainder are involved in administration of program funds for which NOIE is responsible.