

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Additional Estimates 2013-2014**

Cross Portfolio

Department of Employment Question No. EM0450_14

Senator Cameron provided in writing.

Question

Cost of machinery of government changes

1. What has been the total cost of the machinery of government changes in relation to the former Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations resulting in the creation of the Departments of Employment and Education? 2. Please provide a breakdown of costs in relation to staffing changes, office accommodation, information and communications technology, replacement of signage and stationery and any other cost incurred in relation to the machinery of government changes.

Answer

The Department of Employment and the Department of Education have agreed to a shared service arrangement that will cover around two thirds of the former DEEWR's corporate services. This will allow the departments to move forward with existing resourcing in key areas such as information technology, human resources, property, facilities, finance, assurance and investigations. The departments will be utilising existing leases of property and equipment of the former DEEWR. There has been no changes to signage at this stage. Stationery has been replaced as new stocks are required. Data on new orders that have been placed because of the machinery of government change has not been collected. To date there has been \$816 for new business cards. All costs to date have been absorbed within existing budgets.