

**Senate Standing Committee on Education Employment and Workplace
Relations**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Supplementary Budget Estimates 2011-2012**

Agency - Fair Work Australia

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Senator Abetz provided in writing.

Question

Building Upgrades

1. What is the cost of the current building upgrades, including an upgrade to the General Manager's office? a. What will become of the current General Manager's office? b. Please provide detailed plans of the building upgrades. c. What will the difference in floor space be for the new General Manager's office to the old office. d. Who will occupy upgraded or renovated offices? e. How are the upgrades being funded? From within existing appropriation?

Answer

Fair Work Australia has provided the following response:

1. Fair Work Australia has planned office refurbishment works for a number of offices. At this stage the following have been approved this financial year:

Brisbane office building contractor:	\$1,318,063 (ex of GST)
Perth office architect:	\$118,300 (ex of GST)
Melbourne - General Manager's office:	\$75,060 (ex of GST)

The tender for the Adelaide office refurbishment has been issued and closed on 8 November 2011.

Projects in Melbourne and Sydney are also planned but have not advanced to tender at this stage.

- (a) The General Manager had been using a visiting member's chamber, which has now been returned to use as a visiting chamber
- (b) Plan of General Manager's office attached
- (c) The new General Manager's office is 44.7m² which compares with 60m² for the previous office.
- (d) The General Managers office is occupied by the Acting General Manager and 2 support staff.
- (e) The projects are funded from existing departmental capital appropriations.