

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Finance and Administration Portfolio

Department of Finance and Administration

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Topic: Electorate office relocation

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Senator Ray asked:

(a) Minister, we were discussing under PM&C Senator Conroy's arrangements and we now have the officials here. I am not going to go broadly on this, but **I am correct, am I not, that it was the department that informed Senator Conroy that they did not want to pay the rent any longer on his office at 90 Collins Street?**

(b) Okay. While you are making those inquiries, **would you find out whether it was strongly suggested to Senator Conroy that the attic at 4 Treasury Place would be a far better prospect for the Commonwealth than his renting elsewhere?**

Answer:

- a) No. The landlord would not agree to renew the lease on terms acceptable to the Commonwealth.
- b) No. In February 2002, Senator Conroy wrote to the Department asking that his new Office Holder's office be established on the fourth floor of 4 Treasury Place in an area that had recently been vacated by the Leader of the Opposition.