

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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Question: F25 and F26

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Topic: Electorate office relocations

Hansard Page: F&PA 84 and 85

Senator Faulkner asked:

If that is the case, can you provide on notice for the committee, please, the individual budgets for the 19 in principle approvals, the two granted approvals and the special case of Senator Fifield - and congratulations on that Senator Fifield. Could you go to all the issues please: rent, dead rent of all previous offices, furnishings, fit-out - all costs borne in relation to these offices?

Can we identify the number of offices where there is an ongoing lease which might lead to either a dead rent problem or a necessity or hope for subletting? In other words, can we identify where there is an ongoing lease issue?

Answer:

It is not possible to provide rent, dead rent on previous offices, furniture and fitout costs of relocations that are at the in-principle stage or prior to the in-principle stage. These costs are only known when suitable premises are found and cost proposals are prepared. Office relocations are timed to coincide with the expiry of the lease on the existing office as much as is possible.

The budgets and costs of the two granted approvals are as follows:

Office	Annual Rent	Dead Rent	Furniture	Fitout
Turnbull	\$64,804	Nil	Budget: \$48,000 Costs to date: Nil*	Budget: \$153,000 Costs to date: \$137,324
Bourke	\$63,680	Nil	Budget: \$53,200 Costs to date: Nil*	Budget: \$126,500 Costs to date: Nil*

* Awaiting invoices