

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet

Additional Estimates Hearings 2005-2006, 13 February 2006

Question: PM 52.

Outcome 1

Topic: New Building for the Department

Direct on Notice:

Senator Evans asked:

- 1. What was the value of the contract for the construction of the new building? When was this signed?**
 - A. The Department is a tenant in the building and is not party to the building construction contract. The contract is between the owner, Industry Superannuation Property Trust and the builder, Bovis Lend Lease.
- 2. Has there been any variation to the value of that contract since its signing?**
 - A. See answer to question 1.
- 3. To date how much has been spent on the construction of the new building?**
 - A. See answer to question 1.
- 4. What will be the floor area of the new building?**
 - A. 15,050m² of net lettable area.
- 5. What is the floor area of the Department's current building?**
 - A. 11,367m² of net lettable area.
- 6. How many employees will be housed in the new building?**
 - A. Current planning is for 450 employees with space for approximately an additional 130 task force staff.
- 7. What is planned completion date for the new building?**
 - A. 20 December 2006.

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- 8. What was the value of the contract for the fit-out of the new building? When was this signed? If there was more than one contract please include a list indicating their value and the date of signing.**
- A. \$23 million (GST excl). 11 May 2005. There was only one contract.
- 9. Has there been any variation to the value of that contract since its signing?**
- A. No.
- 10. To date how much has been spent on the fit-out of the new building?**
- A. \$1,399,810 (GST excl) as at 30 January 2006.
- 11. Will the Department be disposing of furniture prior to moving to the new building? If so, how will this occur and how much furniture will be disposed of?**
- A. Yes. Furniture will be disposed of in accordance with the Department's Chief Executive Instructions. The amount of furniture for disposal is still to be determined.