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ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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Question: PM 64 & PM 65

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Topic: Kirribilli House bathrooms

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Senator Faulkner asked:

[PM 64] Are you able to disaggregate that \$30,285.45? You said that it was for the main bathroom and two ensuite bathrooms.

Ms Hazell—I think I would need to take on notice at this stage the disaggregation of that figure.

[PM 65] Ms Hazell—I think it might be an issue of terminology. You are talking about the principal bathroom back then. I think that might actually have been the master bedroom ensuite. The main bathroom certainly had not been refurbished. I am going to have to take it on notice. I was not in the department back in 2000 and I will need to have a look at the evidence and work out exactly which bathroom was refurbished...

Senator FAULKNER—I think you will have to check and provide some information on the three bathrooms that were refurbished between June 2006 and October 2006 at a cost of \$30,285. What was the bathroom that had the refurbishment done at the time of the relocation of the staircase at \$125,127? What is the interface between these two? Why did the need for it occur?

Ms Hazell—I can take that on notice.

Answer:

The \$30,285.45 covered refurbishments to two bathrooms and installation of six replacement dual flush toilets at the residence. The work included:

- main bathroom: removal of bath and shower screen, installation of new shower recess, replacement toilet and associated tiling;
- second bedroom ensuite: replacement shower screen and toilet and associated tiling; and
- replacement of four other toilets, including in the staff area.

The refurbishment in 1999, at the time of the relocation of the staircase, was to the master bedroom ensuite. No further works have been undertaken to this bathroom.