

**Standing Committee on Finance and Public Administration**

**ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE**

**Budget Estimates Hearing – May 2009**

**Department of Finance and Deregulation**

**Finance and Deregulation Portfolio**

**Outcome - General and 3, Program - General and 3.1**

**Topic: Caucus Committees Support and Training Unit (CCSTU)**

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**Senator Ronaldson asked:**

(a) Can you provide the Committee with an updated estimate of annual costs of operation of the CCSTU, including salaries, travel expenses, ministerial and parliamentary staff allowance, administrative expenses, and other?

(b) Can you provide an update on any assets that may have been added to Suite MG-3 since October 2008?

**Answer:**

(a) Costs for the Caucus Committees Support and Training Unit for the period 1 June 2008 to 31 May 2009 are as follows:

<b>Item</b>	<b>\$</b>
Salaries	992,979.00*
Travel Expenses	62,586.00
Ministerial Staff Allowance and Parliamentary Staff Allowance	53,876.00
Administrative support costs	43,128.55
IT support costs	37,759.21**

\* Decrease since previous answer reflects a vacancy in one Assistant Adviser position.

\*\* This figure is an estimate based on average monthly costs and is subject to receipt of final figures for Apr-May 2009 from suppliers.

(b) Two mobile phones and one 24 inch computer monitor.