

Standing Committee on Finance and Public Administration

ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Finance and Administration Portfolio

Department of Finance and Administration

Supplementary Budget Estimates Hearing – October 2006

Question: F38 and F39

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Topic: Second Electorate Office for Members representing electoral divisions in excess of 30,000km²

Hansard Page: F&PA 66 and 67

Senator Ray asked:

What is the costing of that? What I am asking on notice is what the annualised cost of the extra electorate office will be in each case, including, as I understand it, a fourth staff member. However, to set out the figures fairly, could I have an annualised cost, with the set-up cost separated out. It would be unfair to include the set-up cost in the annualised cost. We need the set-up cost first – they will not be repeated – and then the annualised cost of this particular initiative.

Answer:

The estimated cost for each additional electorate office and each additional staff member based in that office will be as follows:

	Set-up cost	Ongoing Cost (per annum)
Office	\$223,689	\$89,256
Staff Member	\$6,287	\$81,518
Total	\$229,976	\$170,774

This is an estimate only. Actual set-up and ongoing costs of an individual office may vary from the above estimate due a number of factors including size and office location.