

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

2006-07 Supplementary Budget Hearings
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio
Office of the Official Secretary to the Governor-General

QUESTION: PM49

Senator Evans asked:

Please provide an itemised breakdown of all costs for capital works, maintenance, acquisitions, and contracted services at and for the official residences of Governor-General since 31 January 2006.

Response:

The itemised breakdown of property related costs for the official residences for the period 1 February 2006 to 31 December 2006 is as follows [note WIP means work-in-progress]:

Capital works – Government House Canberra – removal of underground petrol storage tank that had ruptured and rehabilitation of the site \$15,216; design costs for extension of air cooling system to main house \$22,213 (WIP); construction costs for Honours precinct works to replace inadequate office accommodation, provide meeting room facilities and additional carparking \$3,372,029 (WIP); upgrading of electrical distribution boards to meet Australian standards \$78,545; replacement of underground telephone and installation of data cables \$25,793; upgrade of air-conditioning system in Chancery building to overcome air flow deficiencies \$85,030; upgrade of boiler room to replace failing hot water unit and improve piping and controls \$93,842; upgrading of access road to improve safety and all-weather access \$32,265; design costs for refurbishment of lakeside pergola that has unsafe elements \$5,760 (WIP); underpinning of part of House Manager's Cottage that was collapsing \$42,788 (WIP); replacement of air-conditioning unit in Caretaker's Cottage to replace non-compliance system \$4,800. Admiralty House Sydney - replacement of unsafe pergola and pathway \$62,437; heritage landscape advice and surveys for the effective management of the properties \$28,369; reconstruction of collapsing garden wall \$40,759; design costs for upgraded fire protection system \$4,790(WIP); installation of safety railings \$12,779; design costs for refurbishment of ensuite to main bedroom \$3,065 (WIP); upgrading of electrical distribution boards to meet Australian standards \$72,137; replacement of unsafe safety railing to Harbour \$1,785 (WIP); upgrading of garages to overcome safety issues \$3,556 (WIP)

Maintenance – buildings \$336,474; grounds \$130,666

Acquisitions – furniture and fittings \$13,054; plant and equipment \$7,267; kitchen equipment \$1,697; gardening equipment \$11,969

Contracted services – office cleaning \$23,500; sanitary services \$672; waste removal and recycling \$17,842; garden waste removal and recycling \$14,229; pest control \$5,095.