

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

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Senator ABETZ-Can I have confirmed to the committee, please, that PM&C moved into its current premises in 2007?

Dr Southern-That is correct.

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Senator ABETZ-All right. What has happened since you have occupied the building?

Mr Lewis-A number of changes in the department's structure and areas of responsibility.

Senator ABETZ-Does that include the refurbishment of the secretary's office?

Mr Lewis-As part of a refurbishment or a readjustment in the executive area, yes, that is correct.

Senator ABETZ-How much did that cost?

Mr Lewis-I do not know. I am sorry. I will have to take that on notice.

Answer:

The cost for the Secretary's office was \$35,172 including GST.

The main reason for the readjustment in the Executive area was to improve the security and privacy of the office accommodation for the Secretary.

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The works undertaken to convert an existing Executive office into an appropriately secure and private room suitable for the day to day operations of the Office of the Secretary consisted of:

- Removal of an existing glazed partition wall on the corridor and the construction of a slab to slab solid partition wall. Painting of the partitions, alterations to the ceiling and make-good of the flooring where necessary;
- Relocation of the office door to the side partition wall and replacement of the glass frame aluminium door with a solid core door in accordance with physical and audio security requirements;
- As a result of the relocation of the entry door and the change in the structure of the corridor partition wall, adjustments were made to the electrical, lighting, data and fire services as required;
- Relocation of existing furniture and the procurement of additional storage and cabinetwork; and
- Building and security works certification.