

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet

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Asked By: Senator Bernardi

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Senator BERNARDI-I understand that, Mr Eccles, and you have explained that, but there must be a cost at some level, whether it is stationery or moving buildings and all of those sorts of things.

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Senator BERNARDI-There still would have to be additional costs, because you are moving things.

Mr Lewis-I cannot comment on that. I do not know whether there is a cost in moving boxes or moving offices somewhere. There probably is, and Dr Southern might be able to answer that.

Senator BERNARDI-There has to be, and I am interested in what that cost is.

Mr Lewis-I understand.

Senator BERNARDI-So you can take it on notice.

Dr Southern-We do not know what the costs of the transfer are, but you are right, there will be some physical moving costs if the people physically move.

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Senator BERNARDI-If it is not something unusual-and I pointed out that these are just regular, normal costs-I would like to know how much they are.

Dr Southern-We will take that on notice. It is just that we do not know what they are at the moment.

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Answer:

As at 10 November 2010, the cost to date to physically relocate staff following the Machinery of Government changes has been \$2,199 (ex GST). This cost comprises \$1,674 (ex GST) to physically relocate the Office of Sport staff and items from the Department of Health and Ageing, Woden to One National Circuit, Barton on Friday 29 October 2010 and \$525 (ex GST) to physically relocate the Office of the Third Sector staff and items from the Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs, Tuggeranong to One National Circuit, Barton on Friday, 5 November. Additional costs may be associated with the transfer other staff and functions.