

**ATTACHMENT 1:      QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE AND  
                             FURTHER INFORMATION AGREED TO BE  
                             SUPPLIED AT THE HEARINGS**

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**PARLIAMENTARY DEPARTMENTS**

1. What will be the cost to the Parliament of changing the venue for the Mitcham electoral office?

*(Page 7 of the Parliamentary Departments portfolio transcript)*

*The cost of relocation of the Mitcham electorate is currently not known as a new office has not yet been sourced and new lease costs have not been determined. It is expected that the cost differential will be minimised as the major cost of relocation is the fit-out and this office had already been scheduled for a refurbishment in 2011-12.*

## ATTACHMENT 2: UNASKED QUESTIONS

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### PARLIAMENTARY DEPARTMENTS

#### 1. Savings initiatives (how will they be met?)

I refer to the table of output initiatives for your portfolio and department shown in Chapter 2 of Budget Paper 3, and in particular to each of the line items:

- a. Election commitments savings; and
- b. Measures to offset the GST reduction

Could you please identify how these savings will be met across the estimates period from within your portfolio areas:

- What work has been undertaken by the Minister, their office, and the department and its agencies to identify how each of these savings and cuts will be achieved?
- What areas have already been earmarked for savings/cuts, and what is their expected value over the estimates period?
- What areas have been expressly specified by the Minister for savings/cuts?
- What impact will these specific savings/cuts have on particular programs and delivery of government services and outcomes?
- How will these total savings be achieved and what impact will this have on your agencies, including with respect to total staff numbers and resources?
- Are there any areas within your portfolio/department that have been expressly quarantined from any savings/cuts, and if so what are they?
- Has the government ruled out savings or cuts to what it described as "frontline services" during the election?
- In this regard, how does the Government define the term "frontline services", and can it identify what areas within the portfolio are considered fit within this definition?

Could you also please provide specific details of the above to the Committee on notice?

Not Applicable

#### 2. Savings initiatives (what is the portfolio's contribution to the various election savings commitment categories?)

I refer you to the table of "*Savings Initiatives*" at page 92 of Budget Paper 3.

You will see there that it identifies the savings targeted by the Government (as promised at the election) across a range of areas including "Media and marketing positions", "Government advertising" etc - totalling \$1.6 billion over the five year period, and also to the individual output initiative tables in Chapter 2 of Budget Paper 3 showing the total contribution by your department to these overall election savings commitments.

Could you please advise the committee what contribution to each of these itemised targeted savings are forecast over the estimates period within your portfolio/department and related agencies?

In particular, could you please provide on notice, an equivalent table to that shown on page 92 of Budget Paper 3, specifically for each of your portfolio/department areas and related agencies?

(This table should show for each of the five years 2010-11 to 2014-15, what the estimated savings total is for the particular portfolio/department in the categories of:

- Reduction of ministerial staff;
- Media and marketing positions;

- Consultants;
- Government Advertising;
- Political Opinion polling;
- External legal advice;
- Senior public service travel;
- Government office floor space;
- Supplies and consumables;
- Promoting shared services;
- Capping head office staff; and
- Total contribution to election commitment savings.

Not Applicable

### **3. Reprioritisation of programs**

I refer to Table 3.4, at page 30 of Budget Paper 2, showing net impact of 2011-12 Budget new output initiatives, and in particular to the line item in that table for "funding from reprioritisation and adjustments" totalling \$931.8 million over the estimates period.

Could you please identify how these reprioritisations will be met across the estimates period from within your portfolio areas (including total dollar amounts for your department), as well as providing advice as to:

- a. What work has been undertaken by the Minister, their office, and the department and its agencies to identify how each of these reprioritisations will be met?
- b. What areas have already been earmarked for reprioritisation, and what is their expected value over the estimates period?
- c. What areas have been expressly specified by the Minister for reprioritisation?
- d. What impact will these specific reprioritisations have on particular programs and delivery of government services and outcomes?
- e. How will these total reprioritisations be achieved and what impact will this have on your agencies?
- f. Are there any areas within your portfolio/department that have been expressly quarantined from any reprioritisation?

Could you also please provide specific details of the above to the Committee on notice?

Not Applicable

### **4. Implementation of new programs/initiatives identified in this year's budget**

Could you please advise the committee in relation to the initiatives listed for your portfolios in Budget Paper 3 (Chapters 1 and 2), what are the Government's expected commencement and completion dates for each of these programmes/initiatives and does the Government anticipate the need for any further contribution towards these initiatives from future budgets or are they already fully funded?

Not Applicable

### **5. Lapsing programs**

Could you please provide a list of all programs and initiatives in your portfolios funded from previous budgets which are lapsing this year, and have not been provided with any additional funding in this year's budget in the tables of initiatives shown in Chapters 1 and 2 of Budget Paper 3?

Not Applicable