



Standing Committee on Public Accounts

Inquiry into Appropriation 2022-2022 (No 2) and Appropriation (Office of the Legislative Assembly) 2022-2022 (No 2) **ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE**

Ms Kikkert MLA to ask the Treasurer

Ref: 2022-23 Budget Review, pp. 46, 71

In relation to: 2022-23 Budget Review: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children and Young People Commissioner (the Commissioner)

1. Can the treasurer please provide a breakdown of what the \$733,000 of capital outlay will be spent on this year and next year to establish an independent office space for the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children and Young People Commissioner?
2. What is the source of the \$25,000 offset in 2022–23 in relation to establishing this office?
3. Can the treasurer please provide a breakdown, by year, of the \$372,000 of expenses related to establishing an independent office for the Commissioner?

Mr Barr MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:–

1. The capital outlay of \$733,000 is based on a 148 square metre office and consists of the following:

	Comment	Amount (\$'000)
Office Fit-Out Costs	\$3,000 per square metre	\$444
Design Consultant	12% of fit-out costs	\$53
JACS Project Management Costs	Staffing costs to manage the project	\$132
Property Group Fee	12% of above costs	\$76
Major Projects Canberra Costs	Project management services	\$28
Total Capital		\$733

The funding assumes that approximately 25% of the fit-out is undertaken in the 2022-23 financial year and that the remaining 75% occurs in 2023-24.

2. As part of the 2022-23 Budget, funding was provided to establish the Office of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children and Young People Commissioner. This included capital funding of \$25,000 for alterations to the office space at the Human Rights Commission for the Commissioner and their staff. Due to the growth in Human Rights Commission staff numbers, there is now insufficient space for the Commissioner and their staff. The \$25,000 was used to offset the cost of the new office space for the Commissioner.

3. The recurrent costs relating to this office space are as follows:

	2022-23 (\$'000)	2023-24 (\$'000)	2024-25 (\$'000)	2025-26 (\$'000)	Total (\$'000)
Rental costs (assumes commences 1 Jan. 2023)	40	82	86	88	296
Lease management costs	0	1	1	1	3
Statutory Outgoings	0	24	24	25	73
Total	40	107	111	114	372

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Signature: 

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By the Treasurer, Mr Barr MLA