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**ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE
DURING PUBLIC HEARINGS**

Asked by: Miss Laura Nuttall MLA

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In relation to: Relocation from the Callum Offices

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MISS NUTTALL: Do you mind me asking: do we have any expectations about what the remainder of that \$15 million is going to go towards? Like, are there any parameters for that? Why was that specific amount the amount for relocation?

Mr Rynehart: I think we will be providing recommendations to government as we finish the Callam office process about the best utilisation of that. I do not have at hand about where that number originally came from, but happy to take that on notice.

MISS NUTTALL: That would be lovely, if that is okay. Yes, please.

Mr Chris Steel MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

In the 2021-22 Budget \$15.252 million was allocated for 'More energy efficient Government accommodation'. This was made up of \$10.803 million for the installation of a new HVAC system and \$4.449 million for other base infrastructure upgrades addressing urgent WHS issues at Callam Offices. Investigations were undertaken by an independent consultant as part of delivering these upgrades, which identified the HVAC replacement would trigger a requirement to bring the building up to current building codes. These works were estimated to be well in excess of the budget allocation.

Of the \$15.252 million previously allocated for works at Callam Offices, \$6.8m was identified to fund the necessary relocation, lease and fit out costs required for new premises for the Callam Offices tenants. This figure was calculated based on the existing footprint of tenants at Callam, using commercial rates.

The utilisation of the remaining budget allocation is subject to a decision of Government.

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Signature: 

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By the Special Minister of State, Chris Steel MLA