



STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

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ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE
Tuesday, 26 October 2021

Asked by MRS KIKKERT on 26 October 2021: SPEAKER took on notice the following question:

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In relation to:

[Amount spent on the recent ministerial office upgrades](#)

SPEAKER: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:–

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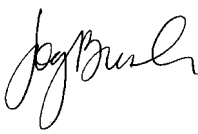
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[What is being done during the recent ministerial office upgrades](#)

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In relation to:

[Amount spent since 2001 on ministerial office upgrades](#)


SPEAKER: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:–

The Office has recorded \$244,060 of expenditure on ministerial office upgrades since 2001-02, broken down as follows:

| | |
|-----------------|-----------|
| 2013-14 | \$ 65,000 |
| 2019 (June) | \$139,912 |
| 2020 (December) | \$ 39,148 |

These amounts do not include costs for three new offices built on level 2 as part of the expansion of the Assembly project in 2015-16 as they were included in the overall project cost.

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Asked by MR PETERSSON on 26 October 2021: SPEAKER took on notice the following question:

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In relation to:

[Figures on Assembly Library usage](#)

SPEAKER: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:–

Table 1: Reference and information service

| Service | 2019-2020 | 2020-2021 | 2021-2022 1 st Quarter |
|---|-----------|-----------|--------------------------------------|
| Number of reference requests for information— Assembly clients | 152 | 215 | 56 |
| Number of reference requests for information— ACT government clients | 76 | 62 | 17 |
| Number of reference requests for information— other clients ¹ | 43 | 45 | 4 |

¹ This includes interstate parliamentary libraries and other external organisations such as universities.

Table 2: Items borrowed and interlibrary loan requests

| Service | 2019-2020 | 2020-2021 ³ | 2021-2022 1 st Quarter ³ |
|---|-----------------|------------------------|---|
| Number of items borrowed — Assembly clients | 46 ² | 101 | 18 |
| Number of items borrowed — ACT government clients | 27 ² | 45 | 5 |
| Number of inter-library loan requests — Assembly clients | 14 | 6 | 7 |
| Number of inter-library loan requests — ACT government clients | 25 | 28 | 11 |

² This number reflects the number of items borrowed between December 2019 to June 2020. Prior to December 2019, the library was on a different management system.

³ Lending from the library's collection and interlibrary loans for print material was suspended during the 2020 and 2021 COVID-19 lockdowns.

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