

ESTIMATES 2007

Question on Notice

The Speaker

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5 The Speaker Foskey

Building Management Sustainable

DR FOSKEY: To ask the Speaker of Legislative Assembly:

In relation to building management sustainability:

1. What is the Assembly doing to ensure that equipment such as photocopiers and printers default back to printing, and power down when unused?
2. What is the Assembly doing to ensure that average climate control temperatures set in summer and winter inside the Assembly are relative to average expected temperatures?

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

1. Duplex printing

All Assembly printers and photocopiers are capable of back to back printing, otherwise known as double-sided or duplex printing. The current default setting is single-sided printing. However, the user has the option to activate duplex printing from their computer desktop on an as required or permanent basis.

The Assembly IT Support Officer can provide assistance to staff on using this feature.

Energy saving

All Assembly printers and photocopiers include power save features that are set to factory defaults on installation. The current default settings are as follows:

- Lexmark T642 network printers in non-executive member offices are configured to activate power save mode after thirty minutes; and
- shared Ricoh 2060 photocopiers adjacent to non-executive member offices are configured to activate power save mode after four hours. These devices also have a power save button that when pressed activates this mode immediately.

The default power save settings can be changed on the device by the user at any time. The Assembly IT Support Officer can assist each office to customise these settings.

2. It has not been the practice of the Assembly to adjust inside air temperatures relative to average expected outside temperatures. Rather, temperature settings remain set at the one level throughout the year, although there is no single temperature set for the entire building as settings vary from area to area.

In practice, however, the variations still occur because the building's design and orientation result in distortions from the preset temperatures whereby, despite those settings, the actual air temperature reduces in some parts of the building when outside temperatures are particularly low and, conversely, the actual air temperature increases in some parts of the building when outside temperatures are particularly high. There are a significant number of these micro climates within the building and, again, the building's design and orientation make them difficult to control.

The inability to adequately control these factors results in regular complaints from building occupants about "thermal comfort" and one of the difficulties encountered in attempting to address these concerns is that the simplest solution generally places demands on energy use.

Both the issues you have asked about will be taken into consideration further as part of a project which has been identified as a strategic priority for the Secretariat over the coming year and involves the further study of environmental impact and resource use and the development of a management plan.

19 The Speaker Burke

QTON - Number of visitors to the Assembly

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

On 18 June 2007, the Mrs Burke asked the Speaker:

".. I would love to know - and you might want to take this on notice: in the last 12 months as compared to the previous 12 months, the number of visitors and schools to the Assembly; the number of open days we have had, and visitors through on those days; and the feedback, particularly how you gather that information and what happens to that feedback."

The answer to the Member's questions are as follows:

1. The number and visitors to the Assembly in 2005-06 and 2006-07

In 2005-06 there were 1932 visitors to the Assembly

In 2006-07 there were 1854 visitors to the Assembly.¹

2. The number of schools to visit the Assembly in 2005-06 and 2006-07

In 2005-06 there were 20 visits to the Assembly from school groups.

In 2006-07 there were 23 visits to the Assembly from school groups.

3. The number of open days the Assembly has conducted

There were no open days conducted in either of the above financial years.

4. The number of visitors participating in open days Nil

- see answer to part 3.

5. How information and feedback is generated, collected and incorporated in relation to visits organised by the Assembly.

The Strategy and Parliamentary Education Office surveys visitors to the Assembly to ascertain their satisfaction with the various seminars and information programs delivered by the Office. Teachers are surveyed in the case of school groups and all participants from community and public service groups are surveyed.

The Office reports quarterly to the Clerk on the number of groups and visitors to the Assembly as well as satisfaction ratings which are based on how many

¹ This number includes delegations from other parliaments as well as community groups. The final figures for the final quarter of 2006-07 will vary slightly as it is nine days until the end of the financial year.

participants respond positively to the question; "would you recommend this event/program/seminar to others".

In 2005-06 data is available for the fourth quarter which shows a 99.4% satisfaction rating.

In 2006-07, the Office achieved a 98.7% satisfaction rating for the first quarter, 99.28% for the second quarter, 99.28% for the third quarter and 100% for the fourth quarter.

As indicated above, the Office has achieved consistently high levels of satisfaction but where improvements are recommended in feedback, the Office endeavours to incorporate them into the development of education programs including the content, organisational and delivery aspects.