

STATE BUDGET, THREE NEW MINISTERIAL OFFICES

161. Mr P.D. Omodei to the Premier; Minister for Public Sector Management; Water Resources; Federal Affairs

I refer the Premier to the line item for three new Ministerial offices on page 70 of the 2005-2006 State Budget and ask -

- (a) where will these offices be located;
- (b) have these offices previously been Ministerial Offices;
- (c) what use of these offices has there been since 2001;
- (d) what will be the cost per office of refurbishment;
- (e) can you detail the outputs realised by the expenditure of \$15.2 million over the next four years on these Ministerial Office upgrades; and
- (f) what will be the total expenditure on all Ministerial Offices over the next four years?

Dr G.I. GALLOP replied:

- (a) Two new Ministerial Offices will be located on the 9th floor of Dumas House, 2 Havelock Street, West Perth, and at the time the budget was presented, it was proposed that the third office be located on the 21st floor of Governor Stirling Tower, 197 St Georges Terrace, Perth. The location of the third office still to be determined is subject to a decision regarding ongoing occupancy of 197 St Georges Terrace as the current lease is due to expire in 2007.
- (b) No.
- (c) The Department of Industry and Resources previously occupied the 9th floor of Dumas House, and private sector tenants occupied the 21st floor of Governor Stirling Tower.
- (d) The estimated cost of refurbishment is \$650,000 per office. Current market conditions including the availability and cost of contractors and materials, the standard expected for a Minister and the Department's recent refurbishment experience have been taken into account in estimating this cost.
- (e) The projected operational cost over four years for the three additional ministerial offices is \$3,930,000 per annum. This figure excludes the refurbishment expense that is reported in the Department's Capital Works Program.
- (f) The cash operational cost for ministerial offices (including the Leaders of the Opposition Offices) over the period 2005-06 to 2008-09 included in the 2005-06 budget statements is \$91.2 million.