

MINISTRY OF JUSTICE, REFURBISHMENT OF OFFICES

814. Mr RIEBELING to the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Justice:

- (1) Has there been any refurbishment of the Ministry of Justice offices within Westralia Square?
- (2) If yes, what is the total cost of the refurbishment?
- (3) What is the breakdown of the costs for the various Divisions within the Ministry?
- (4) Do these costs contribute to the overall cost of public prisons in Western Australia?
- (5) What is the total cost of maintaining office accommodation in Westralia Square which is associated with the overall running cost of the Public Prison System in Western Australia?
- (6) What in dollar terms does this equate to in the cost per day per prisoner?
- (7) What is the total cost associated with providing support services and office accommodation in the Central Business District which contribute to the overall cost of the Public Prison System in Western Australia?
- (8) What do these costs equate in dollar terms to the cost per day per prisoner?

Mr BARRON-SULLIVAN replied:

141 St George's Tce is extremely expensive relative to today's CBD rental market. The current government is bound by a 15 year lease term signed in 1992 by the previous government. This was a WA Inc deal by the then Labor Government to artificially inflate the value of the property and deceive the people of Western Australia. As with many corrupt processes of the Labor government, some Members of which hold prominent positions in this House, the people are still paying for it. Furthermore, some aspects of the costs requested in this question have been difficult to derive. In particular, the accounting system does not readily provide information relating solely to CBD costs. This has required us to estimate the apportionment of costs to obtain these figures.

- (1) Yes in 1999 and 2000.
- (2) \$991 000
- (3)

Prison Services	\$42 000
Offender Management	\$160 000
Courts	\$99 000
Policy and Legislation	\$97 000
Corporate Services	\$593 000
- (4) Yes. In addition to Prison Services fit-out costs, the fit out costs incurred by Offender Management and Corporate Services indirectly contribute to the overall cost of public prisons in Western Australia as these costs are distributed on an overhead basis. Fit-out costs which have been capitalised are amortised and charged as an operating expense.
- (5) The total cost for 2000/2001 is estimated to be \$2 million.
- (6) This equates to approximately \$1.81 per prisoner per day. This figure is calculated based on the projected muster to be managed by Prison Services Division of 3,017.
- (7) The total cost for 2000/01 is estimated to be \$15.3 million. These costs exclude services delivered directly at each Prison, such as education and training, prisoner programs, workers compensation and insurance costs. The total shown includes accommodation costs for the CBD of Offender Management and Corporate Support, which as an overhead, contribute to the overall costs of the Public Prison System in Western Australia.
- (8) This equates to approximately \$13.89 per prisoner per day. This figure is calculated based on the projected muster to be managed by Prison Services Division of 3,017.