

Inquiry into Budget Estimates 2011-12
GPSC 3 – The Legislature
Answers to additional questions from the Hon Amanda Fazio MLC

1. In order to curtail Parliamentary expenditure, will you forego your entitlement to first class air travel and instead fly business class?

No first class air travel has been undertaken. None is contemplated.

2. Could you please provide details for all expenditure in excess of \$500 per event for functions/hospitality charged to the official President's House Committee account?

There has been no expenditure in excess of \$500 for any function/hospitality event charged to the official President's House Committee account.

3. Have you undertaken any office renovations since being elected as President and if so how much was spent and on what?

No.

4. What is the staffing of your office and what is the classification of each position?

The Office of the President has a staff EFT of 3.4.

The gradings of the staff members are:

1 x Grade 11/12;

1 x Grade 7/8; and

2 x Grade 3/4.

5. Are any future plans to have Outlook installed on Parliament House computers and if so, what is the timeframe for implementation?

Earlier this year, the Parliament completed development of a complex business case for a migration from the Novell Groupwise messaging system to the Microsoft Active Directory and Outlook system. This business case was submitted to Treasury seeking funding to support the migration, which has now been approved.

The migration costs identified in that business case are estimated to be \$2M with an additional annual recurrent cost of \$150,000.

The Department of Parliamentary Services has commenced planning for the implementation process. This will commence before the end of the 2011-12 financial year.

The project will take around ten months to complete.

6. What has been the cost (per year) of De Loittes auditing the expenditure of members' entitlements since this system was introduced?

Expenditure related to the audit of members' entitlements since the self-assessment system was introduced in 2009 was:

- \$88,650 for the 2009-2010 financial year
- \$91,350 for the 2010-2011 financial year

7. Phones

- a. How many blackberries have been assigned or purchased for your staff and to whom have they been issued?

None have been purchased. Two of the three blackberries allocated to your staff have been reassigned to my staff and the other was returned to ITS. One device was assigned to Dr Brian Lindsay in May and one to Mr Andrew Isaacs in June.

- b. How many iPads have you purchased for your office and to whom have they been issued?

None.

- c. How many iPhones have you purchased for your office and to whom have they been issued?

None.

- d. For each phone or device, how much was each bill from April to October?

April	\$54.94 and \$60.54 and \$60.07
May	\$1.26
June	\$76.85 and \$4.81
July	\$40.66 and \$1.29
Aug	\$40.23 and \$74.79
Sept	\$40.29 and \$46.48
Oct	\$40.01 and -\$20.54

Variations in the monthly bill for one of the blackberries result from errors by Telstra when managing the account.

- e. How any have phones or devices have been lost in your office?

None.

- f. What is the cost of replacing those phones or devices?

Not applicable.