

DUMAS HOUSE — CYBERSECURITY OFFICE FIT-OUT

669. Mr R.S. Love to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Innovation and the Digital Economy:

I refer to the Mid Year Review 2022–23 and on page 99 (page 107 of the digital version), under Major Spending Changes – Asset Investment: Cybersecurity Team Accommodation – Dumas House Fit-out:

- (a) Please detail the exact expenditure anticipated for the 2022–23 financial year;
- (b) Please detail what the \$2.9 million will be spent on;
- (c) Why was Dumas House chosen for the fit-out, when purpose built offices are being constructed on Harvest Terrace;
- (d) When was the need for this asset investment identified and what was the original request;
- (e) How many staff are impacted by the changes while the fit-out is occurring;
- (f) Are the cybersecurity team working remotely during the fit-out; and
- (g) Is the upgrade in relation to any attempt to illegally access the cybersecurity team’s devices and if yes, please detail?

Ms H.M. Beazley replied:

- (a)–(b) Costs associated with preliminary work, anticipated to be less than \$40 000, will be incurred in the 2022–23 financial year. The Department of the Premier and Cabinet and Department of Finance are currently progressing planning for the fit-out of the Cyber Security Operations Centre, and consequential works associated with the relocation of people and fittings in Dumas House.
- (c) Dumas House was chosen as it is the existing location of the Office of Digital Government, which includes the Cyber Security Unit. The Parliamentary Precinct Building on Harvest Terrace is designated for Electorate Offices and Committee Hearing Rooms.
- (d) The need for this asset investment was identified as part of the decision to expand the Cyber Security Unit and establish a purpose-built Cyber Security Operations Centre. This decision was taken as part of the 2021–22 Mid-Year Review.
- (e)–(f) DPC in consultation with DoF, will consider a range of options to minimise the impact on staff while the fit-out is occurring. There are no plans for cybersecurity staff to work remotely during the fit-out. Consideration may need to be given to other Departmental staff working remotely if capacity constraints emerge.
- (g) No.