

WRITTEN QUESTIONS

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101. **Parliament House Construction Costs**

Mr. AH KIT to MINISTER for TRANSPORT and WORKS

QUESTION

1. What is the final cost of the new Parliament House building.
2. Are there any outstanding costs claims.
3. Is an internal Department of Transport and Works review on the over expenditure of funds relating to the construction of Parliament House being undertaken; if so, when will it be completed.

ANSWER

Answered on 20/11/96

1. The final cost of the new Parliament House Building cannot be determined until all outstanding claims have been settled and contracts that are outside of main contract, such as the fitout of the coffee shop, are concluded. Even then the true cost can only be estimated as certain costs have to be shared over the whole of the State Square Project.

An estimated final cost for Parliament House is approximately \$109,000,000.

2. The head contractor has released securities to subcontractors.
3. Firstly, there is no "over expenditure" of funds relating to the construction of Parliament House. The Scope of Work for this building was increased to accommodate the State Library and Executive Government and thus the budget had to be increased accordingly.

Secondly, the Department of Transport and Works is not conducting any formal internal review. There is to be, however, a Post Occupancy Review conducted by external consultants as arranged by the Department. This review will begin when all works and claims are finalised.