

political purposes from time to time - that is what local members do - I am just curious to know why this extra office existed; who was paying for the extra staff member who was in that office either full-time or part-time; who that staff member was; and by what justification was it created?

Madam SPEAKER: Member for Port Darwin, I do not know anything about this topic.

Mr ELFERINK: Can you then table the paperwork leading up to the ...

Madam SPEAKER: I can find out about the details to deal with the partitioning of the office, which is all the information I would have.

Mr ELFERINK: Are you able to table the paperwork that the former member for Port Darwin would have had to fill out justifying the expenditure for the minor new work?

Madam SPEAKER: If such an item exists, we will table that.

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The Speaker approved the works in the Port Darwin office along with a list of works for other electorate offices as part of the 2007-08 MNW allocation.

The Department of Legislative Assembly paid for a partition to be installed in the former Member for Port Darwin's office in order to create extra storage space. It was not an extra office. The cost was \$2,447.00. Computer cabling was not part of those works as no computers were being installed. There was no additional furniture allocation as a result of the works in the office as it was a storage area.