



SEVENTH ITEM ON THE AGENDA

Other financial questions**Replacement of smoke detectors**

1. The Office is currently faced with the need to plan urgent work to replace smoke detectors in the headquarters building.
2. Smoke detectors are a sensitive and strategic element of fire safety. In accordance with the recommendations of the Association of Cantonal Institutions for Fire Insurance, the Office regularly renews this equipment.
3. In this context, it has become necessary to install a new generation of detectors. The old generation of ionization detectors that were installed previously are no longer in line with current technology and must be replaced, according to the Federal Office of Public Health and the Swiss Association of Safety System Engineers. The Office has accordingly already replaced 400 detectors out of a total of 1,450.
4. The presence of old-generation detectors alongside new models has led to unforeseeable breakdowns and malfunctions. This incompatibility entails the risk of delays in setting off alarms in the event of fire, and the 1,050 remaining detectors must therefore be replaced as a matter of urgency.
5. The amount required for this upgrading is around 205,000 Swiss francs (CHF). The main source of funding for the refurbishment and maintenance of ILO premises is the Building and Accommodation Fund, which is financed from the regular budget and is also credited with income from the rental of available office and parking spaces. The unallocated balance of the Building and Accommodation Fund as at 31 December 2009 was some CHF2.4 million. It is therefore proposed that the cost of replacing the smoke detectors be financed from the Building and Accommodation Fund.
6. *The Committee may wish to recommend to the Governing Body that it agree that the cost of replacing smoke detectors, estimated at CHF205,000, be charged to the Building and Accommodation Fund.*

Geneva, 25 February 2010.

Point for decision: Paragraph 6.

