

**Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications**

**Answers to Senate Estimates Questions on Notice**

**Additional Estimates Hearings February 2014**

**Communications Portfolio**

**Australia Post**

**Question No: 186**

**Program No. Australia Post**

**Hansard Ref: In Writing**

**Topic: Building Lease Costs**

**Senator Ludwig asked:**

What has been the total cost of building leases for the Agency / Department since 7 September 2013?

1. Please provide a detailed list of each building that is currently leased. Please detail by:
  - a. Date the lease agreement is active from.
  - b. Date the lease agreement ends.
  - c. Is the lease expected to be renewed? If not, why not?
  - d. Location of the building (City and state).
  - e. Cost of the lease.
  - f. Why the building is necessary for the operations of the Agency / Department.
2. Please provide a detailed list of each building that had a lease that was not renewed since September 7, 2013. Please detail by:
  - a. Date from which the lease agreement was active.
  - b. Date the lease agreement ended.
  - c. Why was the lease not renewed?
  - d. Location of the building (City and state).
  - e. Cost of the lease.
  - f. Why the building was necessary for the operations of the Agency / Department.
3. Please provide a detailed list of each building that is expected to be leased in the next 12 months. Please detail by:
  - a. Date the lease agreement is expected to become active.
  - b. Date the lease agreement is expected to end.
  - c. Expected location of the building (City and state).
  - d. Expected cost of the lease.
  - e. Has this cost been allocated into the budget?
  - f. Why the building is necessary for the operations of the Agency / Department.
4. For each building owned or leased by the Department:
  - a. What is the current occupancy rate for the building?
  - b. If the rate is less than 100%, detail what the remaining being used for.

**Answer:**

- 1-4. Attachment A lists Australia Post's current, terminated and soon to be leased properties, including relevant dates and locations.

The properties are necessary to accommodate Australia Post's retail, sorting/delivery, warehousing and administrative activities. The other details sought are not captured on any central database or are commercial-in-confidence. As such, Australia Post is not in a position to provide the information requested.