

Senate Standing Committee on Economics

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Question: SBT 1771

Topic: Office Locations (ABS)

Written: Received from Committee – 26 October 2012

Senator BUSHBY asked:

1771. Please provide a list of all office locations for all departments and agencies within the portfolio by:

- a. Department/Agency;
- b. Location;
- c. Leased or Owned;
- d. Size;
- e. Number of Staff at each location and classification;
- f. If rented, the amount and breakdown of rent per square metre;
- g. If owned, the value of the building;
- h. Depreciation of buildings that are owned;
- i. Type of functions and work undertaken.

Answer:

1771.(a-f) Australian Bureau of Statistics

Office	Address	Size office	storage	Number of staff *	Owner -ship status	Rent per sqm office	Rent per sqm storage
Central Office	ABS House, 45 Benjamin Way, Belconnen, ACT 2617	31,812.70	2,692.40	1717	Lease	\$443.61	\$117.45
NSW Office	44 Market Street, Levels 7 - 10, SYDNEY NSW 2000	4,987.00	22.50	385	Lease	\$490.00	\$300.00
VIC Office	485 La Trobe St, Melbourne VIC 3000	5598.8	100	319	Lease	\$364.95	\$185.71
QLD Office	639 Wickham Street, FORTITUD E VALLEY QLD 4006	4,400.00	83.00	202	Lease	\$407.93	\$263.19

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SA Office	ANZ House, Levels 9-11, 11 Waymouth Street ADELAIDE SA 5000	4,580.80	N/A	211	Lease	\$481.96	N/A
WA Office	Exchange Plaza, 2 The Esplanade, Perth WA 6000	4,840.00	N/A	186	Lease	\$371.63	N/A
TAS Office	200 Collins St, Hobart TAS 7000	3,222.20	N/A	115	Lease	\$384.42	N/A
NT Office	Civitas Building - 22 Harry Chan Avenue DARWIN NT 0800	1,429.00	105.6	45	Lease	\$376.96	\$88.70
Census Data Processing Centre (DPC) Short term accommodation to meet Census operations.	250 Spencer Street Melbourne VIC 3000	31,147.20	Included in Office Space	36	Lease	\$179.79	N/A

*At 3 April 2012 (includes non-ongoing and inoperative staff). Classifications range from APS1 to SES Band3.

(g-h) N/A

- (i) The ABS provides statistics on a wide range of economic, social, population and environmental matters, covering government, business and the community. It also has a legislated role to coordinate the statistical operations of official bodies and liaise with international organisations.

The ABS functions include:

To constitute the central statistical authority for the Australian Government and by arrangements with the Governments of the States and Territories provide statistical services for those Governments;

To collect, compile, analyse and disseminate statistics and related information on a wide range of economic and social matters;

To formulate, and ensure compliance with, statistical standards;

To ensure coordination of the statistical operations of official bodies;

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To provide advice and assistance to official bodies in relation to statistics; and

To liaise with statistical agencies of other countries and international organisations.

The ABS undertakes collection of statistics throughout Australia and compiles the statistics in its central office in Canberra and regional offices located in the eight state and territory capitals. In addition to the national statistical responsibilities, regional offices also have primary responsibility for the delivery of statistical services to their state or territory. In Western Australia and Tasmania, the Regional Director administering the ABS regional office is also the State Government Statistician.

The ABS provides a range of information solutions for customers, including self-serve statistics accessible through the ABS website, a national information and referral telephone service, user-pays information consultancies and support for the complex needs of researchers through streamlined access to, and use of, microdata. The ABS is also supporting a national approach to improving statistical literacy and capability across the Australian population.