

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE Additional Estimates 2015 - 2016

Cross Portfolio

Department of Employment Question No. SQ16-000435

Senator Ludwig provided in writing.

Question

Building Lease costs

Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015:

1. What has been the total cost of building leases for the agency / department?
2. 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.
3. Please provide a detailed list of each building that had a lease that was not renewed during the specified period. 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.
4. 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.
 - i. Has this cost been allocated into the budget?
 - f. Why the building is necessary for the operations of the agency / department.
5. 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. Between 14 September 2015 and 31 January 2015 the total lease costs for the department was \$12,088,829.07.
2. See Attachment A – for a list of each building that is currently leased.
3. See Attachment A – for a list of leases that were not renewed.
4. See Attachment A – for a list of buildings that are expected to be leased in the next 12 months.

5. As at the last PRODAC report (September 2015) the department's occupancy rate was approximately 67 per cent across its property portfolio. The department has continued to rationalise space since the PRODAC report was completed, in particular in Sydney, Brisbane and Perth. As further leases terminate we will continue to review our footprint to minimise unused space and continue to sublease where possible.