

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE Additional Estimates 2015 - 2016

Agency - Safe Work Australia

Department of Employment Question No. EMSQ16-000696

Senator Ludwig provided in writing.

Question

SWA - 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. From 14 September 2015 to 31 January 2016, total payments for the building lease for Safe Work Australia were \$289 795.10 (including GST).
2. Safe Work Australia leases a single property:
 - a. The lease agreement is active from 1 July 2015.
 - b. The lease agreement ends 30 June 2022.
 - c. Not applicable.
 - d. Safe Work Australia currently leases Level 7 of 2 Phillip Law Street New Acton ACT 2601.
 - e. The total cost of the lease after inducements is \$5 613 735 (including GST).

- f. The entire agency is located in a single location.
- 3. Safe Work Australia has had one lease expire, for levels 2 and 3 of 220 Northbourne Avenue Braddon ACT 2601.
 - a. The lease agreement was active from 1 October 2010.
 - b. The lease agreement ended on 30 September 2015.
 - c. The lease was not renewed in order to utilise existing government leased office space in Canberra.
- 4. Not applicable
- 5. Safe Work Australia's leased office space is fully occupied.