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Senator Humphries asked the following question at the hearing on 24 May 2012:

Senator HUMPHRIES: ... The Crisis Coordination Centre opened in October, with a total establishment cost of \$22.6 million and ongoing yearly costs, excluding staffing costs, of \$648,000. This is physically located within an existing government building—a building that the government owns or the government leases?

Mr Finn: It is the AFP building.

Mr Darby: I am not too sure of the status. I believe the AFP building is a leased building and we lease the premises from the AFP.

Senator HUMPHRIES: What is the \$648,000? Is that the extra cost of leasing the space the CCC is in?

Mr Darby: It is a range of things. My colleague will correct me if I am wrong. It is principally the leasing of that space, and then there are licence costs for information systems that we manage there and support costs for the information technology systems. We also pay a proportion to the AFP for security for the building.

Senator HUMPHRIES: Can we have a breakdown of those costs taken on notice?

Mr Darby: Yes.

The answer to the honourable senator's question is as follows:

The capital cost for establishing the Australian Government Crisis Coordination Centre (CCC) is \$22.608 million.

The breakdown of the 2011/2012 ongoing operating costs for the CCC is as follows:

Maintenance of ICT systems including: Audio Visual equipment, Telepresence, Internet and Master Antenna Television (MATV) feed from AFP.	\$155,750
Maintenance of ICT physical space including: ICT rack infrastructure and Cabinet terminals.	\$48,000
Licence and support costs for the Information Management System used in the CCC	\$194,160
CCC Operation Section running costs including: Training, communication, travel, meeting/forum and office costs	\$110,283
CCC Planning Section running costs including: Training, communication, travel, meeting/forum and office costs	\$140,174
TOTAL	\$648,367