

Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications

Answers to Senate Estimates Questions on Notice

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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.