

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
—Budget Estimates Hearing—May 2014**

Answers to Questions on Notice

Parliamentary departments, Department of Parliamentary Services

Topic: **Land costs**
Question: **262**
Written: **Senator Ludwig**

Date set by the committee for the return of answer: 11 July 2014

1. How much land (if any) does the Department or agencies or authorities or Government corporation within each portfolio own or lease?
2. Please list by each individual land holding, the size of the piece of land, the location of that piece of land and the latest valuation of that piece of land, where that land is owned or leased by the Department, or agency or authority or Government Corporation within that portfolio? (In regards to this question please ignore land upon which Australian Defence force bases are located. Non Defence Force base land is to be included)
3. List the current assets, items or purse (buildings, facilities or other) on the land identified above.
 - a. What is the current occupancy level and occupant of the items identified in (3)?
 - b. What is the value of the items identified in (3)?
 - c. What contractual or other arrangements are in place for the items identified in (3)?
4. How many buildings (if any) does the Department or agencies or authorities or Government Corporation within each portfolio own or lease?
5. Please list by each building owned, its name, the size of the building in terms of square metres, the location of that of that building and the latest valuation of that building, where that building is owned by the Department, or agency or authority or Government corporation within that portfolio? (In regards to this question please ignore buildings that are situated on Australian Defence force bases. Non Defence Force base buildings are to be included).
6. In regards to any building identified in Q4, please also detail, the occupancy rate as expressed as a percentage of the building size. If occupancy is identified as less than 100%, for what is the remaining space used?

Answer

1. The Department owns one property. This property is classified as an administered asset (i.e. the Department is responsible for the land on behalf of the Commonwealth).
2. Land holding: Capital Hill, Canberra (Block 2, Section 1)
Size: 33ha
Location: Canberra ACT
Valuation: \$50 million (as at 30 June 2013)
Own/lease: Own (administered)
3. Australian Parliament House (APH) is located on the land identified above.
 - a. Occupancy level and occupant – There is a wide range of occupants at APH which include Minister's (and staff), Senators (and staff), employees of the 4 parliamentary departments, press gallery, external contractors and commercial businesses. Occupancy levels vary significantly between sitting and non-sitting periods.
 - b. The current value of APH is \$2.086 billion (as at 30 June 2013)
 - c. Contracts are in place in relation to the running and operational requirements of APH. Major contracts in place cover security, cleaning, maintenance and catering services.

4. One building (APH) is owned by the Department as outlined in the response to question 1.
5. Name: Australian Parliament House
Owned/Leased : Owned (Administered)
Size (m²): 287,781 m² (total) 90,347m² (lettable)
Location: Capital Hill, Canberra (Block 2, Section 1)
Valuation : \$2.086 billion (as at 30 June 2013)
6. The lettable area of APH is 90,347m². This represents 31.4% of the total size of APH of 287,781m². The Department does not measure the percentage occupancy levels of accommodation within Parliament House. All available accommodation is fully allocated to the work of the Parliament/parliamentary departments.