

Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES – 27 FEBRUARY 2014 ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Department of Human Services

Topic: Building Lease Costs

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Senator: Ludwig

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Question:

What has been the total cost of building leases for the agency / department since September 7 2013?

- a) Please provide a detailed list of each building that is currently leased. Please detail by:
 - 1) Date the lease agreement is active from.
 - 2) Date the lease agreement ends.
 - 3) Is the lease expected to be renewed? If not, why not?
 - 4) Location of the building (City and state).
 - 5) Cost of the lease.
 - 6) Why the building is necessary for the operations of the agency / department.
- b) Please provide a detailed list of each building that had a lease that was not renewed since September 7, 2013. Please detail by:
 - 1) Date from which the lease agreement was active.
 - 2) Date the lease agreement ended.
 - 3) Why was the lease not renewed?
 - 4) Location of the building (City and state).
 - 5) Cost of the lease.
 - 6) Why the building was necessary for the operations of the agency / department.
- c) Please provide a detailed list of each building that is expected to be leased in the next 12 months. Please detail by:
 - 1) Date the lease agreement is expected to become active.
 - 2) Date the lease agreement is expected to end.
 - 3) Expected location of the building (City and state).
 - 4) Expected cost of the lease.
 - i) Has this cost been allocated into the budget?
 - 5) Why the building is necessary for the operations of the agency / department.

- d) For each building owned or leased by the department:
- 1) What is the current occupancy rate for the building?
 - 2) If the rate is less than 100%, detail what the remaining is being used for.

Answer:

- a) The department has an extensive and geographically diverse property portfolio that requires ongoing maintenance to ensure that service delivery obligations are met. Attachment A provides a broad overview of the department's property portfolio for premises from which business activities are undertaken including details of the State/Territory, location (town or suburb), street address, size (in square metres), rent paid per square metre, and the type and function of work undertaken at each site as at 11 April 2014. To provide any further details raised in this question would require extensive research and would be an unreasonable diversion of resources.
- b) The department keeps and maintains point in time information on current leases only. To provide any further details raised in this question asked would require extensive research and would be an unreasonable diversion of resources.
- c) and d) To provide a detailed answer to all the issues raised these questions asked would require extensive research and would be an unreasonable diversion of resources.