

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**

**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**HEALTH PORTFOLIO**

**Budget Estimates 2014 - 2015, 2/3 June 2014**

**Ref No:** SQ14-000727

**OUTCOME:** 0 - Whole of Portfolio

**Topic:** Building Lease Costs

**Type of Question:** Written Question on Notice

**Senator:** Ludwig, Joe

**Question:**

1. What has been the total cost of building leases for the agency/department since Additional Estimates in February 2014?
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 since Additional Estimates in February 2014. 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?
  - e) 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 is being used for.

**Answer:**

| Division/Agency   | 1.<br>March 1 –<br>May 31, 2014                 | 2.<br>a) – f)   | 3.<br>a) - f ) | 4.<br>a) – e)  | 5.<br>a) – b)  |
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| Department of Health (including the Office of the Gene Technology Regulator, National Industrial Chemicals Notification and Assessment Scheme and Therapeutic Goods Administration Trust) | \$12,831,521 (Cost includes rent and outgoings) | To attempt to provide this level of detail would involve an unreasonable diversion of departmental resources. | Nil            | Current Lease arrangements are expected to continue for the next 12 months | To attempt to provide this level of detail would involve an unreasonable diversion of departmental resources |