

Senate Community Affairs Committee
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Question No: 82

Topic: Building Lease Costs

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Senator Ludwig asked:

Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014: 1. 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 per cent, detail what the remaining being used for.

Department of Social Services

Since its formation in 2013, the Department has been progressively rationalising its property leases as and when it can, including through transfer of leases to and from other Commonwealth departments, relinquishing properties where possible and consolidating staff in fewer premises. This will continue as existing leases approach expiry dates.

Occupancy of premises leased by the Department as at 30 September 2014 is set out in Attachment A.

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Attachment A

Leased Buildings	Occupancy rate as at 30 Sep 2014 (staff numbers as a percentage of work points) for that part of the premises occupied by DSS	Vacant space use
<i>Australian Capital Territory</i>		
1 Holwell Street, Greenway 2900	67.29	Taskforces and surge capacity
Sirius Building, Furzer St Phillip (under an MoU with Dept of Health rather than a lease)	74.83	
Guilfoyle House, Greenway 2900 <i>Lease expired 30 Sep 2014</i>	0.00	N/A - Last day of expiring lease
Tuggeranong Office Park, Corner Athllon Drive and Soward Way, Greenway 2900	81.83	
32 Corinna Street, Phillip 2606	78.90	
Aviation House, 16 Furzer Street, Phillip 2606	0.00	Space vacated when NDIA moved to Geelong. DSS is looking to sub-lease remainder of this space to another tenant
Canberra Data Centre, Hume ACT 2620 (data racks only)	N/A	Data racks only
<i>New South Wales</i>		
Rutherglen Community Centre, Cnr Popenetta and Anderson Avenue, Blackett 2770	100.00	
1 Monaro Street, Queanbeyan 2620	(Occupied by PM&C until 5 December 2014)	Once vacant, property will be disposed of.
260 Elizabeth Street, Sydney 2000 Part sub-lease to Dept of Health	82.49	
280 Elizabeth Street, Sydney 2000	79.31	
300 Elizabeth Street, Sydney 2000 (Occupied by NDIA and IBA under sub-lease) and Aged Care Pricing Commissioner	38.46 (5 staff in 13 work points)	Small tenancy cannot be readily used for other purposes.
<i>Northern Territory</i>		
39 Woods Street (Level 7), Darwin 0800 (Shared by Health)	67.09	
<i>Queensland</i>		
100 Creek Street, Brisbane 4000	84.04	
235-259 Stanley Street, Townsville 4810 Part sub-leased to PM&C and IBA	96.00	

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<i>South Australia</i>		
City Central, 11-29 Waymouth Street, Adelaide 5001 (shared with PM&C and Health under MOU) (2 leases)	73.85	
<i>Tasmania</i>		
199 Collins Street 7001(shared by PM&C and Health) DSS does not occupy	N/A – not occupied by DSS	N/A – not occupied by DSS
100 Melville Street Hobart 7001	96.15	
<i>Victoria</i>		
595 Collins Street, Melbourne 3000	77.91	
Part Level 4, 12-20 Flinders Lane, Melbourne VIC 3000	This tenancy vacated September 2014. Relocated to 90 Collins Street	
Part Level 18, 90 Collins Street, Melbourne, VIC 3000	57.14	Visiting staff also work from this tenancy – eg staff of AGS working with the Aged Care Commissioner
<i>Western Australia</i>		
15-17 Williams Street Perth 6000 (shared by Health)	83.33	