

Senate Community Affairs Committee
ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
SOCIAL SERVICES PORTFOLIO
2014-15 Supplementary Estimates Hearings

Outcome Number: Cross Outcome - Across Programs

Question No: 92

Topic: Office Plants

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Senator Ludwig asked:

Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014:

1. Has the department/agency purchased or leased any office plants?
 - (a) If so, list these
 - (b) If so, list the total cost for these items
 - (c) If so, list the itemised cost for each item of expenditure
 - (d) If so, where were these purchased
 - (e) If so, list the process for identifying how they would be purchased
 - (f) If so, what is the current location for these items?

Answer:

Department of Social Services

1. Yes
 - a. Provision of plants is on a continuing lease basis.
 - b. \$8,165.40 per annum (GST inclusive).
 - c. Individual plants are not itemised.
 - d. Leased through Jones Lang LaSalle (JLL – DSS’ national property services provider).
 - e. Leased through a hire agreement between the service provider and JLL.
 - f. Tuggeranong Office Park and Sirius Building, ACT.

NOTE: Aged Care Commissioner/Aged Care Pricing Commissioner

Response included in DSS response

Social Security Appeals Tribunal

Since Budget Estimates in June 2014, the Social Security Appeals Tribunal has not purchased or leased any office plants.

National Disability Insurance Agency

1. Yes.
 - a. Four indoor plants have been leased during the period 1 June to 31 August 2014.
 - b. The total cost of leasing during the period was \$621 (GST exclusive).
 - c. The agency paid a monthly charge of \$207 (GST exclusive) for the hire of the four plants.
 - d. The plants were leased through JLL.
 - e. The plants were leased at the time of entering a lease for NDIA office space.
 - f. St Marys South Australia.