

Senate Community Affairs Committee
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SOCIAL SERVICES PORTFOLIO
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Outcome Number: Cross Outcome - Across Programs

Question No: 135

Topic: Disability Access

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Senator Ludwig asked:

1. Please provide a list of all premises owned, leased or otherwise operated by the department / agency which do not yet comply with the Disability Discrimination Act (through The Disability (Access to Premises - Buildings) Standards 2010). For each, please provide:
2. The year in which it was purchased / leased / rented (and if lease / rental agreement, when it expires).
3. What plans are in place to make the premises compliant with the act.
4. When these plans will commence and when they are expected to be complete.
5. Has the minister or the minister's office been informed of these plans? Please provide a copy of any communication (including but not limited to emails, letters, memos, notes etc) between the minister's office and the department regarding this issue.
6. What is the expected cost of making the premises compliant? Please break down the costs.
7. Have any plans to make any premises compliant been cancelled, put on hold or delayed since September 7, 2013? If yes, please detail, including the reasons for which they were cancelled, put on hold or delayed and how the decision was reached.
8. Have any complaints been lodged with regard to the premises not being compliant? If yes, please detail.

Answer:

1. The Department does not occupy any premises that were either constructed or underwent substantial works (deemed to be over 75% of the area) in the period since the Disability (Access to Premises – Buildings) Standards 2010 (the Standards) came into effect on 1 May 2011.

2-8 See **Attachment A**.

NOTE: AGED Care Commissioner/Aged Care Pricing Commissioner

Response included in DSS response.

Social Security Appeals Tribunal (SSAT)

All SSAT buildings comply with the Disability Discrimination Act through the Disability (Access to Premises – Building) Standards 2010.

Australian Aged Care Quality Agency

1. The Quality Agency leases office space in eight commercial multi-tenanted buildings. These buildings are not within the scope of the Standards because these are not new buildings that have been constructed since the commencement of these Standards on 1 May 2011, or existing building upon which substantial works (deemed to be over 75% of the area) have been undertaken since 1 May 2011. The Quality Agency's tenancy

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complied with Disability Discrimination Act requirements that were in place at the time of works completion. Any future works will be designed to comply with requirements at that time.

2.

Leased properties	Lease from	Leased to
Levels 7 & 9, 111 Phillip Street, PARRAMATTA, NSW	1/04/2014	30/04/2018
Level 1, 260 Maitland Road, MAYFIELD, NSW	10/06/2014	9/06/2016
Levels 2 & 5, 991 Whitehorse Road, BOX HILL, VIC	1/02/2012	31/01/2015
60-62 Brougham Street, GEELONG, VIC	1/07/2014	30/06/2016
527 Gregory Terrace, BOWEN HILLS, QLD	1/10/2014	30/09/2020
355 Scarborough Beach Road, OSBORNE PARK, WA	1/02/2014	31/01/2020
26 Flinders Street, ADELAIDE, SA	1/08/2011	31/07/2015
18 Elizabeth Street, HOBART, TAS	1/05/2014	30/04/2019

3. None at present
4. N/A
5. N/A
6. N/A
7. No
8. No

Australian Institute of Family Studies

2. The Institute's leased premises (Level 20 and half of Level 19, 485 La Trobe Street, Melbourne, VIC) are not within the scope of the Standards because it is not a new building that has been constructed since the commencement of these Standards on 1 May 2011, or an existing building upon which substantial works (deemed to be over 75% of the area) have been undertaken since 1 May 2011. The Institute's tenancy complied with Disability Discrimination Act requirements that were in place at the time of works completion. Any future works will be designed to comply with requirements at that time.
3. The lease on the Institute's premises commenced 1 September 2010 and is due to end 28 February 2017.
4. None at present
5. N/A
6. N/A
7. N/A
8. No
9. No

National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA)

All NDIA buildings comply with the Disability Discrimination Act through the Disability (Access to Premises – Building) Standards 2010.

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Department of Social Services Buildings

Attachment A

Leased Buildings	Lease start	Lease end	What plans are in place to make the premises compliant with the act	When plans will commence and when are they expected to be complete	Has the minister or the minister's office been informed of these plans? Please provide a copy of any communication (including but not limited to emails, letters, memos, notes etc) between the minister's office and the department regarding this issue	What is the expected cost of making the premises compliant? Please break down the costs	Have any plans to make any premises compliant been cancelled, put on hold or delayed since September 7, 2013? If yes, please detail, including the reasons for which they were cancelled, put on hold or delayed and how the decision was reached	Have any complaints been lodged with regard to the premises not being compliant? If yes, please detail
1 Holwell Street, Greenway 2900	1-Mar-08	28-Feb-18	None at present	N/A	N/A	N/A	No	No
Sirius Building, Furzer St Phillip 2606	1-Jul-14	30-Jun-20	None at present	N/A	N/A	N/A	No	No
Guilfoyle House, Greenway 2900 <i>Lease expired 30 Sep 2014</i>	1-Mar-10	30-Sep-14	None - lease expired	N/A	N/A	N/A	No	No
Tuggeranong Office Park, Corner Athlon Drive and Soward Way, Greenway 2900	1-Jul-08	5-Dec-16	None at present	N/A	N/A	N/A	No	No
32 Corinna Street, Phillip 2606	7-Jul-12	6-Jul-17	None at present	N/A	N/A	N/A	No	No
Aviation House, 16 Furzer Street, Phillip 2606	14-Dec-06	13-Nov-16	None at present	N/A	N/A	N/A	No	No
Canberra Data Centre, Hume ACT 2620 (data racks only)	1-Nov-11	31-Oct-21	None at present	N/A	N/A	N/A	No	No
Rutherglen Community Centre, Cnr Popenetta and Anderson Avenue, Blackett 2770	1-Jul-10	30-Jun-14	None at present	N/A	N/A	N/A	No	No
1 Monaro Street, Queanbeyan 2620	1-Jan-10	31-Dec-13	None - currently occupied by PM&C until 5 Dec 2014	N/A	N/A	N/A	No	No
260 Elizabeth Street, Sydney 2000 Part sub-lease to Dept of Health	1-Jul-14	31-May-20	None at present	N/A	N/A	N/A	No	No
280 Elizabeth Street, Sydney 2000	1-Apr-07	31-Mar-17	None at present	N/A	N/A	N/A	No	No
300 Elizabeth Street, Sydney 2000 (Occupied by NDIA and IBA)	1-Apr-07	31-Mar-17	None at present	N/A	N/A	N/A	No	No
39 Woods Street (Level 7), Darwin 0800 (Shared by Health)	1-Jul-14	4-Sep-24	None at present	N/A	N/A	N/A	No	No
100 Creek Street, Brisbane 4000	1-Jan-08	31-Dec-16	None at present	N/A	N/A	N/A	No	No
235-259 Stanley Street, Townsville 4810 Part sub-leased to PM&C and IBA	1-Jun-13	31-May-15	None at present	N/A	N/A	N/A	No	No
City Central, L13-14, 11-29 Waymouth Street, Adelaide 5001 (shared with Dept of Health under MOU)	1-Jul-14	31-Jan-17	None at present	N/A	N/A	N/A	No	No
City Central, L18, 11-29 Waymouth Street, Adelaide 5001 (shared with PM&C under MOU)	1-Mar-07	28-Feb-17	None at present	N/A	N/A	N/A	No	No
199 Collins Street 7001 (shared by PM&C and Health) DSS does not occupy	1-Apr-10	31-Mar-20	None at present	N/A	N/A	N/A	No	No
100 Melville Street Hobart 7001	1-Jul-14	28-Feb-20	None at present	N/A	N/A	N/A	No	No
595 Collins Street, Melbourne 3000	1-Jul-14	28-Feb-17	None at present	N/A	N/A	N/A	No	No
15-17 Williams Street Perth 6000 (shared by Health)	1-Jul-14	30-Nov-21	None at present	N/A	N/A	N/A	No	No
Part Level 4, 12-20 Flinders Lane, Melbourne VIC 3000	1-Apr-08	31-Mar-14	None - premises vacated September 2014	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	No
Part Level 18, 90 Collins Street, Melbourne, VIC 3000	1-Sep-14	30-Sep-17	None at present	N/A	N/A	N/A	No	No