

**Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications**  
**Answers to Senate Estimates Questions on Notice**  
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**Question No: 444**

**Program No. TUSMA**

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**Topic: Office Fit-out**

**Senator RUSTON asked:**

**Senator RUSTON:** It would be interesting to benchmark that against other annual reports because, at \$600 a page, I would like the job. How much was spent on the fit-out of the TUSMA offices?

**Mr Wiegold:** I do not have the exact figures off the top. But that fit-out was quite conservative, primarily because the facilities or the accommodation that we went into was already fitted out, so we utilised some of the existing fit-out that was already there. But the exact quantum escapes me at the moment, so I am happy to take that on notice.

**Senator RUSTON:** It would be great if you could put that on notice. Was the tender a limited tender or an open tender?

**Mr Wiegold:** Tender for?

**Senator RUSTON:** For the office fit-out?

**Mr Wiegold:** It was through the panel arrangements, I understood.

**Senator RUSTON:** I would be interested to know the logic behind deciding to do it by that means.

**Mr Wiegold:** Yes.

**Answer:**

TUSMA accepted the Australian Communications and Media Authority's (ACMA) offer to temporarily locate the TUSMA office within ACMA's Melbourne premises. This arrangement to occupy office space within the ACMA premises was only a short-term arrangement until TUSMA found a suitable longer term accommodation.

TUSMA signed a lease agreement with Melbourne Central Custodian Pty Ltd from 4 April 2013 to 3 April 2019 for the provision of office space on part of level 46, 360 Elizabeth Street.

The design and fit-out value of TUSMA's longer term accommodation which utilised existing office fit-out and furnishing was \$201,711.57 (GST exclusive). The tender was a limited tender.