

Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications
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Telecommunications Universal Service Management Agency

Question No: 477

Program No. TUSMA

Hansard Ref: In Writing

Topic: Building Lease Costs

Senator LUDWIG asked:

What has been the total cost of building leases for the Department/Agency since 25 February 2014?

1. 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 Department/Agency.
2. Please provide a detailed list of each building that had a lease that was not renewed since 25 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 Department/Agency.
3. 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. Has this cost been allocated into the budget?
 - e. Why the building is necessary for the operations of the Department/Agency.
4. 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 being used for.

Answer:

1. Please provide a detailed list of each building that is currently leased. Please detail by:
 - a. The Telecommunications Universal Service Management Agency (TUSMA) currently leases premises within Melbourne Central Tower on 360 Elizabeth Street. The lease was signed on 4 April 2013.
 - b. The termination of the lease is 3 April 2019.
 - c. Consideration about any renewal of the lease is anticipated closer to its 2019 expiry date.
 - d. Location of the premises is in Melbourne CBD, Victoria.

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- e. Base rent is \$267,500.00 per annum plus GST.
- f. The location of the agency is within close proximity to our key suppliers, stakeholders and other government agencies.

2–4. Nil and not applicable.