

Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications

Answers to Senate Estimates Questions on Notice

Supplementary Budget Estimates Hearings November 2014

Communications Portfolio

Australia Post

Question No: 344

Program No: Australia Post

Hansard Ref: In Writing

Topic: Land costs

Senator Ludwig asked:

1. How much land (if any) does the Department or agencies or authorities or Government corporation within each portfolio own or lease?
2. Please list by each individual land holding, the size of the piece of land, the location of that piece of land and the latest valuation of that piece of land, where that land is owned or leased by the Department, or agency or authority or Government Corporation within that portfolio? (In regards to this question please ignore land upon which Australian Defence force bases are located. Non-Defence Force base land is to be included)
3. List the current assets, items or purse (buildings, facilities or other) on the land identified above.
 - a. What is the current occupancy level and occupant of the items identified in (3)?
 - b. What is the value of the items identified in (3)?
 - c. What contractual or other arrangements are in place for the items identified in (3)?
4. How many buildings (if any) does the Department or agencies or authorities or Government Corporation within each portfolio own or lease?
5. Please list by each building owned, its name, the size of the building in terms of square metres, the location of that of that building and the latest valuation of that building, where that building is owned by the Department, or agency or authority or Government corporation within that portfolio? (In regards to this question please ignore buildings that are situated on Australian Defence force bases. Non-Defence Force base buildings are to be included).
6. In regards to any building identified in Q4, please also detail, the occupancy rate as expressed as a percentage of the building size. If occupancy is identified as less than 100%, for what is the remaining space used?

Answer:

- 1-6. Attachment A lists Australia Post's owned and leased properties, including locations and lease periods. The properties are necessary to accommodate Australia Post's retail, sorting/delivery, warehousing and administrative activities. The Market Value of Australia Post owned properties (land and buildings) was \$1.3 billion as at 30 June 2014. Individual valuations are commercial-in-confidence.

The other details sought are not captured on any central database or are commercial-in-confidence. As such, Australia Post is not in a position to provide the information requested.