

Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications

Answers to Senate Estimates Questions on Notice

Supplementary Budget Estimates Hearings November 2014

Communications Portfolio

Department of Communications

Question No: 37

Program 1.1

Hansard Ref: In Writing

Topic: Office Plants

Senator Ludwig, Joe asked:

Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014:

1. Has the department/agency purchased or leased any office plants?
 1. If so, list these
 2. If so, list the total cost for these items
 3. If so, list the itemised cost for each item of expenditure
 4. If so, where were these purchased
 5. If so, list the process for identifying how they would be purchased
 6. If so, what is the current location for these items?

Answer:

1. The Department leases office plants for each of its buildings.
 - 1.-2. The total cost for these items at each location are:

Premise (6)	Total Lease Cost (GST Exc) (May – Oct 14)
38 Sydney Avenue, Canberra	\$ 8,136.66
44 Sydney Avenue, Canberra	\$ 3,081.09
St Martins Tower, Sydney	\$ 285.96
Minister's Office, Sydney	\$ 494.13

Total:	\$11,997.84
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3. This level of detail is not captured by the Department Financial Management Information System, the Department is billed separately monthly for each location.
4. All the office plants are leased.
5. N/A
6. Location detailed above in answer 1-2.