

**Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications
Legislation Committee**
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Senator Ludwig asked:

Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014, please provide a detailed list of each building that had a lease that was not renewed during the specified period. 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 agency / department.

Answer:

Since Budget Estimates in June 2014, the National Water Commission and the Bureau of Meteorology have not renewed leases, as identified in the tables below.

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National Water Commission

Building	Date lease agreement active (a)	Date lease agreement ends (b)	Why lease not renewed? (c)	Building location (d)		Lease cost	Why required (f)
95 Northbourne Avenue	16 February 2010	30 June 2014 Currently holding over month to month.	The Government has announced its intention to close the Commission on 31 December 2014	Canberra	ACT	53,020 per Month	Accommodation is required for staff to perform their official duties

Bureau of Meteorology

Building	Date lease agreement active (a)	Date lease agreement ends (b)	Why lease not renewed? (c)	Building location (d)		Lease cost excl. GST	Why required (f)
1100 Hay Street	2 April 2010	30 June 2014	Relocation to smaller premises	West Perth	WA	\$8,732,041.71	The Western Australian Regional Office provides office accommodation for staff undertaking meteorological services that includes collection of observations and the provision of state forecasts and warnings.