

**Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications  
Legislation Committee**  
Answers to questions on notice  
**Environment portfolio**

**Question No:** 252  
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**Programme:** Corporate Strategies Division  
**Topic:** Portfolio wide – buildings occupancy rate  
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**Senator Ludwig asked:**

Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014, 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:**

**DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT**

(a) Office buildings are 100 per cent occupied with the following exception:

51 Allara Street in Canberra City has 42 per cent occupancy, and will move to 100 per cent occupancy in the near future.

Other buildings are used for seasonal activities and occupancy varies accordingly.

(b) Two floors in 51 Allara Street are currently vacant.

**FOR THE BUREAU OF METEOROLOGY**

(a) All of the Bureau of Meteorology's buildings leases are 100 per cent occupancy with the following exception:

700 Collins St Melbourne has 98 per cent occupancy

(b) 700 Collins St Melbourne has 2 per cent sublet to CSIRO

**CLIMATE CHANGE AUTHORITY (CCA)**

(a) Climate Change Authority occupies (leases) one floor in a privately owned building and does not have access to occupancy rates, although we are aware that not all floors of the building are currently occupied.

(b) Not applicable

## **CLEAN ENERGY REGULATOR**

- (a) The occupancy rate of 5 Farrell Place, Canberra, ACT as of 30 September 2014, was 83.2 per cent.
- (b) The remaining space is used to accommodate staff fluctuations and movements.

## **DIRECTOR OF NATIONAL PARKS**

(a)

<b>Location</b>	<b>Occupancy Rate for building</b>
Booderee National Park Jervis Bay Territory	100 per cent
Home Island – Cocos Keeling Islands	100 per cent
West Island – Cocos Keeling Islands	100 per cent

(b) Not applicable.

## **GREAT BARRIER REEF MARINE PARK AUTHORITY**

- (a) Townsville Main Office, Kelleher Place, Reef HQ Aquarium, Dent Island and Lady Elliot Island are 100 per cent Occupied. Low Isles is 66 per cent Occupied
- (b) Vacant house - former Research Station.

## **MURRAY DARLING BASIN AUTHORITY**

- (a) All leased space is 100 per cent occupied
- (b) Not Applicable.

## **NATIONAL WATER COMMISSION**

- (a) The current occupancy rate is 21 per cent
- (b) The remaining space is vacant and available for sub-lease

**SYDNEY HARBOUR FEDERATION TRUST**

- (a) All buildings are 100 per cent occupied
- (b) Not applicable.