

**Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications**

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**Question No: 67**

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**Hansard Ref: Written, 30/10/2015**

**Topic: Further Questions: BE15/072**

**Senator Urquhart, Anne asked:**

1. 1. What development has been done to date of the new curated programs, and when will we see them rolled out to the public?

2. 2. The first part of this question was not answered.

Could this 'escalating deficit' (noting that the Big Screen program and the number of students visiting the Acton HQ increased during the 2011-12, 2012-13 and 2013-14 financial years, according to your Annual reports) have been better addressed with improved senior management and performance management practices. In short, why was it decided that replacing programs that were delivering strategic outcomes be replaced with new and untested programs, rather than addressing the issue with better management practices?

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- (a) On page 10 of the NFSA Business Review document, it clearly states:

"Commitment to actively pursue opportunities to reduce the NFSA's property footprint, including exiting current accommodation arrangements in Sydney and Melbourne, commercialising part of the Acton property, and exiting the current HQ in 2016-17."

Does this infer that the NFSA plans to move within Canberra? Where does it plan to move to, and for what reason? Will this require the relocation of positions interstate and out of the ACT?

- (b) What is the current cost per annum of renting the Sydney and Melbourne offices?

**Answer:**

1. 1. The NFSA has already rolled out some new programs and events, and is currently developing a Community Engagement Strategy that will set out a three-year vision for community engagement activity for the NFSA.
2. 2. No. The decision was made on the basis of the findings of the Business Review and subsequent stakeholder consultation.
3. 3.(a) Does this infer that the NFSA plans to move within Canberra?

**Answer:** No.

Where does it plan to move to, and for what reason?

**Answer:** N/A

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Will this require the relocation of positions interstate and out of the ACT?

**Answer:** N/A

(b) The cost per annum of renting the Sydney and Melbourne offices in 2015-16 is:

Sydney: \$277,437 (GST excl)

Melbourne: \$84,138 (GST excl).