

**WhEconomics Legislation Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
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**DEPARTMENT:** DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY, INNOVATION AND SCIENCE

**TOPIC:** Building Lease Costs

**REFERENCE:** Written Question – Senator Ludwig

**QUESTION No.:** AI-110

Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015:

1. What has been the total cost of building leases for the agency / department?
2. Please provide a detailed list of each building that is currently leased. Please detail by:
  - 1.Date the lease agreement is active from.
  - 2.Date the lease agreement ends.
  - 3.Is the lease expected to be renewed? If not, why not?
  - 4.Location of the building (City and state).
  - 5.Cost of the lease.
  - 6.Why the building is necessary for the operations of the agency / department.
3. Please provide a detailed list of each building that had a lease that was not renewed during the specified period. Please detail by:
  - 1.Date from which the lease agreement was active.
  - 2.Date the lease agreement ended.
  - 3.Why was the lease not renewed?
  - 4.Location of the building (City and state).
  - 5.Cost of the lease.
  - 6.Why the building was necessary for the operations of the agency / department.
4. Please provide a detailed list of each building that is expected to be leased in the next 12 months. Please detail by:
  - 1.Date the lease agreement is expected to become active.
  - 2.Date the lease agreement is expected to end.
  - 3.Expected location of the building (City and state).
  - 4.Expected cost of the lease.
1. Has this cost been allocated into the budget?
  - 5.Why the building is necessary for the operations of the agency / department.
5. For each building owned or leased by the department:
  - 1.What is the current occupancy rate for the building?
  - 2.If the rate is less than 100%, detail what the remaining being used for.

**ANSWER**

The department's occupancy rate for its Canberra leases are as of October 2015 (time of last annual report). The department is in the process of consolidating its lease holdings in Canberra, following Machinery of Government changes and expects to have officers located in one building in Canberra where occupancy will be nearly 100 per cent. Refer to the attachment for details.