

Senate Economics Legislation Committee

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Department/Agency: ACCC

Question: SBT 862-864

Topic: Disability access

Reference: written - 30 October 2014

Senator: Ludwig, Joe

Question:

862. Please provide a list of all premises owned, leased or otherwise operated by the department / agency which do not yet comply with the Disability Discrimination Act (through The Disability (Access to Premises - Buildings) Standards 2010). For each, please provide:
- a) The year in which it was purchased / leased / rented (and if lease / rental agreement, when it expires).
 - b) What plans are in place to make the premises compliant with the act.
 - c) When these plans will commence and when they are expected to be complete.
 - d) Has the minister or the minister's office been informed of these plans? Please provide a copy of any communication (including but not limited to emails, letters, memos, notes etc) between the minister's office and the department regarding this issue.
 - e) What is the expected cost of making the premises compliant? Please break down the costs.
863. Have any plans to make any premises compliant been cancelled, put on hold or delayed since September 7, 2013? If yes, please detail, including the reasons for which they were cancelled, put on hold or delayed and how the decision was reached.
864. Have any complaints been lodged with regard to the premises not being compliant? If yes, please detail.

Answer:

862. All ACCC properties are compliant to the Building Code of Australia (BCA) at the time of fitout. This includes all relevant Australian Standards and the 'Access to Premises – Buildings' code, which now falls under the BCA. All ACCC fitouts receive a Certificate of Occupancy which complies with the BCA of the time.
- a) – e) The table below outlines non-compliance of ACCC properties to the Disability Discrimination Act (through The Disability (Access to Premises - Buildings) Standards 2010)

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Non-compliant properties:

Suburb	Street Address	Lease Start	Lease End	Fitout Completion	Comments
Adelaide SA	13 Grenfell Street	01-May-2008	30-Apr-2018	01-May-2008	<p>All leases comply with the BCA at the time and obtained a Certificate of Occupancy.</p> <p>No plans are in place to achieve compliance with the Disability Discrimination Act unless a fitout is required at the end of lease or exercise of option.</p> <p>Any future fitout works will comply with the BCA at time, including all applicable Australian Standards and the Disability Discrimination Act.</p>
Brisbane QLD	400 George Street	01-Jan-2010	31-Dec-2019	01-Jan-2010	
Canberra ACT	23 Marcus Clarke Street,	01-Aug-2007	31-Jul-2022	01-Aug-2007	
Darwin NT	9 Cavanagh Street	01-Sep-2013	30-Sep-2018	01-Sep-2007	
Melbourne VIC	Level 35, 36, 37, 38 Melbourne Central, 360 Elizabeth Street	01-Jan-2008	31-Dec-2017	01-Jan-2008	
Melbourne VIC	Level 34 Melbourne Central, 360 Elizabeth Street	01-Sep-2009	31-Dec-2017	01-Sep-2009	
Perth WA	Eastpoint Plaza 233 Adelaide Tce	01-Apr-2008	31-Mar-2018	01-Apr-2008	

Compliant properties:

Suburb	Street Address	Lease Start / Fitout Completion	Lease End
Hobart TAS	Level 2, 70 Collins St	01-Jul-2012	29-Nov-2019
Canberra ACT	Level 7, Nishi Building	19-Dec-2012	30-Sep-2027
Sydney NSW	175 Pitt Street	01-Apr-2011	31-Mar-2021
Townsville QLD	Suncorp Building, Level 9, 63 Sturt St	01-Dec-2012	30-Nov-2017

863. No. The ACCC will ensure all future fitout works are compliant to the BCA at the time and the Disability Discrimination Act (The Disability (Access to Premises - Buildings) Standards 2010).

864. No