

**Senate Economics Legislation Committee**

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**Department/Agency: ABS**

**Question: 977-981**

**Topic: Building Leasing Costs**

**Reference: written - 30 October 2015**

**Senator: Wong, Penny**

**Question:**

Since 1 January 2015:

977. What has been the total cost of building leases for the agency / department?
978. Please provide a detailed list of each building that is currently leased. Please detail by:
- a) Date the lease agreement is active from.
  - b) Date the lease agreement ends.
  - c) Is the lease expected to be renewed? If not, why not?
  - d) Location of the building (City and state).
  - e) Cost of the lease.
  - f) Why the building is necessary for the operations of the agency / department.
979. 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.
980. Please provide a detailed list of each building that is expected to be leased in the next 12 months. Please detail by:
- a) Date the lease agreement is expected to become active.
  - b) Date the lease agreement is expected to end.
  - c) Expected location of the building (City and state).
  - d) Expected cost of the lease. Has this cost been allocated into the budget?
  - e) Why the building is necessary for the operations of the agency / department.
981. For each building owned or leased by the department/agency:
- 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:**

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1. \$23,171,804.65 (01 January 2015 – 31 October 2015)

<b>State</b>	<b>Lease Start Date</b>	<b>Lease End Date</b>	<b>Renewed</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>15/16 Lease Cost (1 January – 31 October)</b>	<b>Operations</b>
<b>ACT</b>	13/03/2002	12/03/2017	No. Subject to market test.	Belconnen ACT	\$12,968,263.17	Delivery of National Statistical Program and State Govt. Statistical Support.
<b>NSW</b>	01/11/2011	31/10/2021	No. Subject to market test.	Sydney, NSW	\$1,576,290.64	Delivery of National Statistical Program and State Govt. Statistical Support.
<b>VIC</b>	01/06/2006	31/05/2016	No. Subject to market test.	Melbourne Vic	\$2,013,490.02	Delivery of National Statistical Program and State Govt. Statistical Support.
<b>QLD</b>	01/03/2005	31/08/2015	No. QLD Office moved to a new Location and Leasing Arrangement. Currently rent free.	Fortitude Valley Qld	\$1,362,112.21	Delivery of National Statistical Program and State Govt. Statistical Support.
<b>SA</b>	01/02/2007	31/01/2017	No. Subject to market test.	Adelaide SA	\$2,039,820.40	Delivery of National Statistical Program and State Govt. Statistical Support.

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<b>WA</b>	01/08/2014	31/07/2024	No. Subject to market test.	Perth WA	\$1,602,225.03	Delivery of National Statistical Program and State Govt. Statistical Support.
<b>TAS</b>	05/09/2007	04/09/2017	No. Subject to market test.	Hobart Tas.	\$1,154,694.84	Delivery of National Statistical Program and State Govt. Statistical Support.
<b>NT</b>	06/09/2009	05/09/2017	No. Subject to market test.	Darwin NT	\$454,908.34	Delivery of National Statistical Program and State Govt. Statistical Support.

3. Nil.

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<b>State</b>	<b>Lease Start</b>	<b>Lease Finish</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Est. Lease Cost (Annual)</b>	<b>Use</b>
<b>QLD</b>	1/11/2015	31/10/2025	Brisbane QLD	\$1,617,477  (Yes, it has been allocated in the Budget)	Delivery of National Statistical Program and State Govt. Statistical Support.
<b>VIC</b>	01/03/2016	28/02/2026	Geelong VIC	\$1,015,000  (Yes, it has been allocated in the Budget)	Delivery of National Statistical Program and State Govt. Statistical Support.

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<b>VIC</b>	01/06/2016	30/05/2026	Melbourne VIC	\$2,172,506  (Yes, it has been allocated in the Budget)	Delivery of National Statistical Program and State Govt. Statistical Support.
<b>VIC</b>	01/01/2016	30/06/2017	Dandenong South VIC	\$556,100  (Yes, it has been allocated in the Budget)	2016 Census Data Capture Centre

5. All tenancies as listed in the Table at Answer 2 are not currently 100% occupied, however remaining space will be 100% occupied by staffing requirements for the 2016 Census over the coming months.