

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE Additional Estimates 2015 - 2016

Agency - Workplace Gender Equality Agency

Department of Employment Question No. EMSQ16-000515

Senator Ludwig provided in writing.

Question

WGEA - Building Lease costs

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:
 - 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.
3. 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.
4. 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.
 - i. Has this cost been allocated into the budget?
 - f. Why the building is necessary for the operations of the agency / department.
5. 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

1. In the period of 14 September 2015 to 31 January 2016, the Workplace Gender Equality Agency (Agency) has spent \$157,001.02 on lease costs.
2. The Agency does not lease any buildings, however does lease one floor within a managed building.
 - a. 1 January 2013.
 - b. 31 December 2017.
 - c. The existing lease agreement does not include an option to renew, however the Agency will seek to negotiate a new lease of the current premises closer to the end date.

- d. Sydney CBD.
 - e. The total rental under the lease for the 5 year term is \$1,897,719.70.
 - f. The leased premises is the sole premises from which the Agency operates.
- 3. Nil.
 - 4. Nil.
 - 5.
 - a. The current occupancy rate for this lease is 100% of one floor.
 - b. Not applicable.