

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE Additional Estimates 2015 - 2016

Agency - Fair Work Building and Construction

Department of Employment Question No. EMSQ16-000599

Senator Ludwig provided in writing.

Question

FWBC - 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. The cost of leases for office space held by FWBC is \$937,837
2. Premises currently leased by FWBC

Leased premises	Part Level 4, 509 St Kilda Road, Melbourne	Level 8, 111 Elizabeth Street, Sydney	Part Level 2, 863 Hay Street, Perth
(a) Lease commenced	1 Jul 2015	1 Dec 2015	1 Dec 2015
(b) Lease end	30 Jun 2025	30 Nov 2025	30 Nov 2020
(c) Lease Renewed	n/a	n/a	n/a

(d) Location	Melbourne	Sydney	Perth
(e) Cost of lease (14/9/2015- 31/1/2016)	\$194,020	\$227,500	\$255,284
Cost of lease (annual)	\$582,060	\$341,250	\$382,926
(f) Reason to lease	National and state office	State office	State office

3. Leases not renewed

Leased premises	Level 2 & 3, 553 St Kilda Road, Melbourne	Level 8, 111 Elizabeth Street, Sydney
(a) Lease commenced	1 Oct 2005	1 Dec 2005
(b) Lease ended	30 Sep 2015	30 Nov 2015
(c) Why not renewed	Excessive space and cost	Excessive space and cost
(d) Location	Melbourne	Sydney
(e) Cost of lease (14/9/2015- 31/1/2016)	\$43,722	\$217,311
Cost of lease (annual)	\$1,049,329	\$1,043,093
(f) Reason to lease	National and state office	State office

4. No new premises are expected to be leased directly by the FWBC.