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QUESTIONS ON NOTICE Supplementary Budget Estimates 2015 - 2016

Agency - Fair Work Building and Construction

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Question

FWBC - Hobart office - lease, assets, operating costs

Senator CAMERON: So you have got two people employed there. What is the rent and the floor area?

Mr Hadgkiss: I will take that on notice.

Senator CAMERON: Is there no-one here that can tell me.

Mr Hadgkiss: I do not think we keep those sorts of things at our fingertips.

Senator CAMERON: I am sure that if I keep asking you, Mr Hadgkiss, I will not get any information. Is there anyone who can tell me?

Mr O'Keefe: I can. We have 23 square metres in Hobart. I will have to take the question on notice in relation to the lease payment, but I do believe that it is quite low.

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Senator CAMERON: Can you get me the floor space and the cost of the lease.

Mr O'Keefe: Yes.

Senator CAMERON: What other assets are associated with the Hobart office?

Mr O'Keefe: In what regard?

Senator CAMERON: Cars, mobile phones, computer systems—

Mr O'Keefe: I would have to take that on notice to give you a precise answer.

Senator CAMERON: Do you not know how many cars there are in Hobart?

Mr Hadgkiss: I believe there is one vehicle, I would imagine both officers would have a mobile phone, and they would each have a computer. They would have a chair each and a workstation.

Senator CAMERON: They have a chair, do they?

Mr Hadgkiss: They do not share a chair, no.

Senator CAMERON: They do not hotbed like construction workers have to?

Mr Hadgkiss: No.

Senator CAMERON: Can you give me a full breakdown on the assets associated with the Hobart office, Mr O'Keefe—you can take that on notice.

Mr O'Keefe: Yes.

Senator CAMERON: What is the total operating costs of the Hobart office in 2014-15?

Mr O'Keefe: I will take that on notice.

Answer

The 23 square meter space (including workstations and furniture) is provided to the FWBC by the Fair Work Ombudsman under MOU arrangement at no cost.

FWBC provides two of each of the following: Notebook computer; docking station; computer screen; keyboard; mouse and; mobile phone.

FWBC has one pool car for the Hobart office.

Total operating cost for the Hobart office for the 2014–15 financial year was \$265,857.