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ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Senator: Ludlam

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Question:

Senator LUDLAM: Thank you, Chair. I have a couple of questions—not too many—to follow up on the Commonwealth surplus property program, so specifically the Commonwealth land disposal register and the Commonwealth surplus property divestment program. Do you have a comprehensive list for the properties that have been listed and then sold under these two programs since they have been in operation?

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Senator LUDLAM: The Commonwealth land disposal register and more recently introduced, I think in the 2014-15 budget, the Commonwealth surplus property divestment program.

Senator Cormann: Yes, we can provide that to you, probably on notice, if you do not mind.

Senator LUDLAM: Yes, if it is a reasonable amount of material.

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Maybe without having tabled it, if you can tell us: does it include information including things like type of property, size, location, sale price, purchaser, condition of sale—things like that?

Ms Hall: Yes, for properties we have divested. For properties that are currently in the market for sale, we would not necessarily disclose evaluations. But we can provide most of that.

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Senator LUDLAM: It is more than 600 properties. I will know a little bit more about it when the list has been tabled ... There are significant supply problems as well. You are sitting on substantial supply—hundreds if not thousands of hectares of land—that you could kick out the door with affordability conditions attached as a condition of sale. Is that something that has occurred to anybody inside the government?

Senator Cormann: ... I suggest that you wait until we provide that information to you on notice before you jump to conclusions on what may or may not be possible ...

Answer:

The 2015 Commonwealth Land Audit identified 142 parcels of land potentially suitable for housing, excluding those owned by Defence Housing Australia. The land parcels are located as follows: 35 in New South Wales; 2 in South Australia; 8 in Queensland; 15 in the Northern Territory; 35 in Western Australia; 44 in Victoria; 2 in the Australian Capital Territory, and 1 in Tasmania.

Finance is undertaking a surplus non-Defence property divestment program for properties managed by the Finance portfolio, which involves the sale of approximately 160 residential, commercial and industrial properties. Properties sold to date under this program are listed at Attachment A. The 44 Commonwealth properties sold since July 2014 have achieved gross sale proceeds of approximately \$8 million and relieved the Commonwealth of ongoing maintenance liabilities. The majority of these were suitable for residential purposes.

As at 31 January 2016:

- A further 21 properties are either under contract or under offer. The expected total of the gross proceeds from these properties is approximately \$20 million.
- An additional 37 properties are available for sale on the open market.
- The remaining properties are subject to pre-divestment due diligence and planning.

Individual Commonwealth agencies have responsibility for the management and disposal of their properties. Questions regarding disposal of these properties should be directed to the relevant agencies.

Attachment A		
Department of Finance - Properties Sold under Divestment Program (as at 31 January 2016)		
Address of Property	State	Property Type
228 St Paul's Terrace, Spring Hill	QLD	Childcare Facility
4 Macquarie Avenue, Cessnock	NSW	Residential Cottage
33 Barton Street, Blair Athol	SA	Residential Cottage
Lot 31 Stanger Court, Yarralumla Rise	VIC	Residential Land
Lot 47 Tanner Terrace, Yarralumla Rise	VIC	Residential Land
Lot 69 Gaff Court, Yarralumla Rise	VIC	Residential Land
Lot 218 Chad Terrace, Hume Garden Estate, Glenroy	NSW	Residential Land
Lot 124 Streets Rd, Wattle Glen Estate, Wodonga	VIC	Residential Land
Lot 70 Gaff Court, Yarralumla Rise	VIC	Residential Land
Lot 120 Streets Road, Wattle Glen Estate, Wodonga	VIC	Residential Land
Lot 1 of Lot 803 Phillip Street, Glenroy	NSW	Residential Land
Lot 1 of Lot 42 Prune Street, Lavington	NSW	Residential Land
Lot 26 Ceres Drive, Thurgoona	NSW	Industrial Land
Lot 50 Verbena Street, Baranduda	VIC	Industrial Land
Lot 68 Gaff Court, Yarralumla Rise	VIC	Residential Land
Lot 2 669 Prune Street, Lavington	NSW	Residential Land
Lot 219 Chad Terrace, Hume Gardens	NSW	Residential Land
Lot 38 Yarralumla Drive, Yarralumla Rise	VIC	Residential Land
Lot 45 Mountainview Drive, Lavington	NSW	Residential Land
Lot 131 Bremer Avenue, Wattle Glen	VIC	Residential Land
Lot 39 Yarralumla Drive, Yarralumla Rise	VIC	Residential Land
Lot 25 Ceres Drive, Airside North	NSW	Industrial Land
Lot 40 (70) Yarralumla Drive, Yarralumla Rise	VIC	Residential Land
Lot 13 Baranduda Drive, Baranduda Enterprise Park	VIC	Industrial Land

Lot 19 Muller Street, Baranduda Enterprise Park	VIC	Industrial Land
Lot 71 Gaff Court, Yarralumla Rise	VIC	Residential Land
Lot 2 Wallaroo Road, Hall	NSW	Rural Land
Lot 62, Tanner Terrace, Yarralumla Rise	VIC	Residential Land
Lot 999, Ballara Drive, Wodonga	VIC	Residential Land
Lot 56, Tanner Terrace, Yarralumla Rise	VIC	Residential Land
Lot 369, Cottesloe Court, West Wodonga	VIC	Residential Land
Lot 390, Innisbrook Avenue, West Wodonga	VIC	Residential Land
Lot 5 Finke Court, Hamilton Valley	NSW	Residential Land
Lot 6, Finke Court, Hamilton Valley	NSW	Residential Land
Lot 14, Merkel Street, Thurgoona	NSW	Industrial Land
Lot 4, 86 Goldsworthy Street, Lavington	NSW	Residential Land
Lots 771 and 772, DP 1175598, Murray	NSW	Rural Land
Lot 7302 Mulligan's Flat	NSW	Rural Land
Lot 48 Tanner Terrace, Wodonga	VIC	Residential Land
Lot 13, 38 Merkel Street, Thurgoona	NSW	Industrial Land
Lot 98 Street Road, Leneva	VIC	Residential Land
Lot 41, Tanner Terrace, Wodonga	VIC	Residential Land
Lot 1005 Ballara Drive, Wodonga	VIC	Residential Land
Lot 59, Tanner Terrace, Wodonga	VIC	Residential Land