

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES 2015-16

Finance Portfolio
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Topic: Land costs

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Question:

1. How much land (if any) does the Department or agencies or authorities or Government corporation within each portfolio own or lease?
2. Please list by each individual land holding, the size of the piece of land, the location of that piece of land and the latest valuation of that piece of land, where that land is owned or leased by the Department, or agency or authority or Government Corporation within that portfolio. (In regards to this question please ignore land upon which Australian Defence force bases are located. Non Defence Force base land is to be included).
3. List the current assets, items or purse (buildings, facilities or other) on the land identified above.
 - a) What is the current occupancy level and occupant of the items identified in (3)?
 - b) What is the value of the items identified in (3)?
 - c) What contractual or other arrangements are in place for the items identified in (3)?
4. How many buildings (if any) does the Department or agencies or authorities or Government Corporation within each portfolio own or lease?
5. Please list by each building owned, its name, the size of the building in terms of square metres, the location of that of that building and the latest valuation of that building, where that building is owned by the Department, or agency or authority or Government corporation within that portfolio. (In regards to this question please ignore buildings that are situated on Australian Defence force bases. Non Defence Force base buildings are to be included).
6. In regards to any building identified in Q4, please also detail, the occupancy rate as expressed as a percentage of the building size. If occupancy is identified as less than 100%, for what is the remaining space used?

Answer:

Department/ Agency	Response
Finance	<p>It would require an unreasonable/excessive diversion of resources to provide an answer in the format sought. Much of the information already exists in the public domain through a range of avenues.</p> <p>For example, Commonwealth public works which are estimated to cost more than \$15 million must be referred to the Parliamentary Committee on Public Works (the PWC). The PWC inquires into and reports to the Parliament on each public worked referred to it. The PWC's reports can be accessed via the following link: http://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/Joint/Public_Works</p> <p>Leasing and occupancy information is available via the Australian Government Property Data Collection (PRODAC). PRODAC provides a central database on the office space leased and owned by the Australian Government. The most recent Australian Government Office Occupancy Report sets out the occupational density for non-corporate Commonwealth entities against the current target of 14 square metres of office space per occupied workpoint. The Report can be accessed via the following link: http://www.finance.gov.au/sites/default/files/australian_government_office_occupancy_report.pdf</p>
Australian Electoral Commission	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Nil.2.-3. N/A.4. The AEC does not own any buildings. The AEC leases 96 buildings.5. N/A.6. To provide the level of data sought would involve an unreasonable diversion of agency resources.
Commonwealth Superannuation Corporation	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Nil. (This response does not include property assets in which CSC invests as part of the superannuation schemes of which it is trustee.)2. – 3. N/A.4. Please refer to response to Question on Notice F124 (Building Lease Costs) for Additional Estimates 2015-16.5. N/A.6. Please refer to response to Question on Notice F124 (Building Lease Costs) for Additional Estimates 2015-16.
Future Fund Management Agency	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Nil.2. – 3. N/A.4. Nil.5. – 6. N/A.