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Question:

Please provide the average cost (for both the establishment and per annum) of Ministerial offices in:

- Canberra
- Sydney
- Melbourne
- Perth
- Tamworth
- Bendigo
- Albany

Where no data is available, please use the best available data to assess potential cost.

Answer:

There are no Ministerial offices in Tamworth, Bendigo or Albany.

The costs for Ministerial offices at the locations listed below are typical costs for an office of 175m² and include office furniture but not office equipment. Other costs may be incurred where specific site matters require specific remedies.

Location	Average costs to Establish	Average Annual Costs
Canberra	Located in Ministerial Wing therefore costs relate only to relocations.	Costs are not managed at an individual office level.
Sydney ¹	\$550,000	\$754 m ²
Melbourne ²	\$275,000	\$647 m ²
Perth ³	N/A	\$1104 m ²

¹ All standalone Ministerial Offices are located within the Sydney Commonwealth Parliament Offices (CPO). These figures relate to combined Ministerial/Electorate Offices.

² All standalone Ministerial Offices are located within the Melbourne CPO. These figures relate to combined Ministerial/Electorate Offices.

³ All standalone Ministerial Offices are located within the Perth CPO. These figures relate to combined Ministerial/Electorate Offices which are also located in the CPO.