

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**BUDGET ESTIMATES 2014-15**

Finance Portfolio

**Department/Agency:** Finance

**Outcome/Program:** 2/2.2

**Topic:** List of 'Smaller Government—surplus Commonwealth properties'

**Senator:** Ludlam

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**Question:**

**Senator LUDLAM:** In terms of my question before about getting a sense of the 40, how many contain vacant buildings that might be suitable for conversion to affordable housing and/or give a potential housing yield for the particular property in question? Can you take on notice for me just whatever metric the department uses, be it gross number of hectares or gross yield in terms of the number of people that you could accommodate, once you have netted out the bush blocks and the stuff that is not appropriate for housing?

**Mr Owens:** We will take the question on notice.

**Answer:**

The details of the properties including any existing structures and buildings will be discovered in the site assessment that forms part of the due diligence work to be undertaken in the process of planning the disposal. During the planning process disposal options will be considered to determine how to optimise economic and social outcomes from the disposal such as increasing housing supply.