

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Budget Estimates 26 May-6 June 2014

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

Department/Agency: Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet

Outcome/Program: 1.1 Prime Minister and Cabinet

Topic: Building lease costs

Senator: Senator the Hon Joe Ludwig

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Question:

1. What has been the total cost of building leases for the agency / department since Additional Estimates in February, 2014?
 - a. Please provide a detailed list of each building that is currently leased. Please detail by:
 - i. Date the lease agreement is active from.
 - ii. Date the lease agreement ends.
 - iii. Is the lease expected to be renewed? If not, why not?
 - iv. Location of the building (City and state).
 - v. Cost of the lease.
 - vi. Why the building is necessary for the operations of the agency / department.
 - b. Please provide a detailed list of each building that had a lease that was not renewed since Additional Estimates in February, 2014. Please detail by:
 - i. Date from which the lease agreement was active.
 - ii. Date the lease agreement ended.
 - iii. Why was the lease not renewed?
 - iv. Location of the building (City and state).
 - v. Cost of the lease.
 - vi. Why the building was necessary for the operations of the agency / department.
 - c. Please provide a detailed list of each building that is expected to be leased in the next 12 months. Please detail by:
 - i. Date the lease agreement is expected to become active.
 - ii. Date the lease agreement is expected to end.
 - iii. Expected location of the building (City and state).
 - iv. Expected cost of the lease.

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- v. Has this cost been allocated into the budget?
- vi. Why the building is necessary for the operations of the agency / department.
- d. For each building owned or leased by the department:
 - i. What is the current occupancy rate for the building?
 - ii. If the rate is less than 100%, detail what the remaining being used for.

Answer:

- 1. The total cost of all commercial leases for the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet from 1 March 2014 to 31 May 2014 is \$2,140,923.
- a. Below is a detailed list as at 31 May 2014 of each building that is currently leased:

One National Circuit, Barton	
i.	17 February 2007
ii.	16 February 2022
iii.	To be determined in FY 2019/20
iv.	Canberra, ACT
v.	\$6,625,000 per annum based on the 2014/15 lease commitment
vi.	Office accommodation

Centraplaza, Woden	
i.	1 March 2007
ii.	28 February 2022
iii.	To be determined in FY 2019/20
iv.	Canberra, ACT
v.	\$6,121,394 per annum based on the 2014/15 lease commitment
vi.	Office accommodation

60 Albert St, Brisbane	
i.	14 June 2013
ii.	31 December 2014
iii.	No, office accommodation not required after G20 2014
iv.	Brisbane, Queensland
v.	\$1,019,603 per annum based on the 2014/15 lease commitment
vi.	Office accommodation – G20

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Level 24, 6 O'Connell Street, Sydney	
i.	1 August 2009
ii.	14 August 2017
iii.	Yes – lease extension agreed in November 2013
iv.	Sydney, New South Wales
v.	\$470,798 per annum based on the 2014/15 lease commitment
vi.	Office accommodation – COAG Reform Council

Part Level 21, 101 Collins Street, Melbourne	
i.	1 July 2011
ii.	30 June 2017
iii.	Yes – lease extension was agreed in April 2014
iv.	Melbourne Victoria
v.	\$129,130 per annum based on the 2014/15 lease commitment
vi.	Former Governor-General office accommodation

Part Level 13, 1 Eagle Street, Brisbane	
i.	1 February 2013
ii.	31 January 2018
iii.	To be determined in FY 2017-18
iv.	Brisbane, Queensland
v.	\$83,453 per annum based on the 2014/15 lease commitment
vi.	Former Governor-General office accommodation

Ground Floor, 15 Murray Crescent, Griffith	
i.	1 May 2011
ii.	30 April 16
iii.	To be determined in FY 2015-16
iv.	Canberra ACT
v.	\$62,775 per annum based on the 2014/15 lease commitment
vi.	Former Governor-General office accommodation

1 st Floor, 15 Murray Crescent, Griffith	
i.	15 August 2013

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ii.	30 April 2016
iii.	To be determined in FY 2015-16
iv.	Canberra ACT
v.	\$69,748 per annum based on the 2014/15 lease commitment
vi.	Former Governor-General office accommodation

Level 12, 6 O'Connell Street, Sydney	
i.	1 November 2011
ii.	30 June 2018
iii.	To be determined by the National Mental Health Commission
iv.	Sydney, New South Wales
v.	\$197,564 per annum based on the 2014/15 lease commitment
vi.	Office accommodation – on behalf of the National Mental Health Commission (NMHC). This property will transfer to the NMHC under the Machinery of Government arrangements.

Part Level 3, U Block, Queensland University of Technology, 2 George Street, Brisbane	
i.	1 April 2014
ii.	31 March 2024
iii.	To be determined in FY 2022-23
iv.	Brisbane, Queensland
v.	\$65,000 per annum based on the 2014/15 lease commitment
vi.	Former Governor-General office accommodation

b. Nil.

c. Nil

Under the machinery of government changes in September 2013, Indigenous Affairs programmes were transferred to the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet. PM&C delivers these programmes on the ground through properties leased by the Department of Social Services, Department of Employment and Department of Education. The leases for these properties will be transferred to the Department from 30 June 2014.

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The Government has announced that it will establish a new network within the Department to drive outcomes on the ground in the Government's priority areas of school attendance, jobs and community safety, which will commence progressively from July 2014. Future leasing will be decided based on an assessment of business need as part of this process.

- d. All tenancies leased by the Department are 100% occupied by staff or office holders.