

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

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

**Department/Agency: Australian National Audit Office**

**Outcome/Program:**

**Topic:** Building Lease Costs

**Senator:** 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.

- 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:**

Q1. The ANAO has one accommodation lease in the ACT at a total cost of \$1,277,328.00 between February and June 2014.

- i. The lease commenced on 23 September 2008.
  - ii. The lease expires on 22 September 2018.
  - iii. At this stage no decision has been made on future leasing options. The ANAO plans to explore various alternatives prior to lease expiry and will ensure any new lease arrangement is fit for purpose and represents value for money for the Commonwealth.
  - iv. Barton, ACT
  - v. The ANAO's current lease cost is \$319,332 per month. Rent is increased each September at a rate commensurate with CPI.
  - vi. The current accommodation is used for delivery of both the assurance and performance audit programmes.
- b). Nil. Refer response to Q1.
- c). The ANAO does not plan to enter any lease arrangements in the next 12 months.
- d).
- i. The occupancy rate for the ANAO is 94.5%
  - ii. The ANAO subleases surplus space equal to 5.5% of the building.