

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Budget Estimates 26-27 May 2014

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Department/Agency: Office of National Assessments

Outcome/Program: 1

Topic: Building lease costs

Senator: Senator Ludwig

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Question:

What has been the total cost of building leases for the agency / department since Additional Estimates in February, 2014?

1. Please provide a detailed list of each building that is currently leased. Please detail by:
 - a. Date the lease agreement is active from.
 - b. Date the lease agreement ends.
 - c. Is the lease expected to be renewed? If not, why not?
 - d. Location of the building (City and state).
 - e. Cost of the lease.
 - f. Why the building is necessary for the operations of the agency / department.
2. 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:
 - a. Date from which the lease agreement was active.
 - b. Date the lease agreement ended.
 - c. Why was the lease not renewed?
 - d. Location of the building (City and state).
 - e. Cost of the lease.
 - f. Why the building was necessary for the operations of the agency / department.
3. Please provide a detailed list of each building that is expected to be leased in the next 12 months. Please detail by:
 - a. Date the lease agreement is expected to become active.
 - b. Date the lease agreement is expected to end.
 - c. Expected location of the building (City and state).
 - d. Expected cost of the lease.
 - e. Has this cost been allocated into the budget?
 - f. Why the building is necessary for the operations of the agency / department.
4. For each building owned or leased by the department:
 - a. What is the current occupancy rate for the building?
 - b. If the rate is less than 100%, detail what the remaining being used for.

ONA Response:

1.
 - a. 16 October 2011.
 - b. 15 October 2026.
 - c. Yes.

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- d. Barton, ACT.
 - e. Building lease cost from 1 February to 31 May 2014 was \$1,106,787.85 including GST.
 - f. This is ONA's only site in Australia.
- 2. Nil
 - 3. Nil
 - 4.
 - a. 89.9%
 - b. It is unused. Prospective sub-tenants are being sought.