

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**

**Budget Estimates – May 2014**

**ANSWER TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

Prime Minister and Cabinet portfolio

**Department/Agency:** Office of the Official Secretary to the Governor-General

**Program 1:** Support for the Governor-General and Official Activities

**Outcome 1:** The performance of the Governor-General's role is facilitated through the organisation and management of official duties, management and maintenance of the official household and property and administration of the Australian Honours and Awards system.

**Topic:** Building lease costs

**Senator:** Ludwig

**Question reference number:** QoN 329

**Type of Question:** Written

**Date set by the committee for the return of answer:** 11 July 2014

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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:**

N/A to all.