

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: Land costs

Senator: Senator the Hon Joe Ludwig

Question reference number: 357

Type of Question: Written

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Question:

1. How much land (if any) does the Department or agencies or authorities or Government corporation within each portfolio own or lease?
2. Please list by each individual land holding, the size of the piece of land, the location of that piece of land and the latest valuation of that piece of land, where that land is owned or leased by the Department, or agency or authority or Government Corporation within that portfolio? (In regards to this question please ignore land upon which Australian Defence force bases are located. Non Defence Force base land is to be included)
3. List the current assets, items or purse (buildings, facilities or other) on the land identified above.
 - a. What is the current occupancy level and occupant of the items identified in (3)?
 - b. What is the value of the items identified in (3)?
 - c. What contractual or other arrangements are in place for the items identified in (3)?
4. How many buildings (if any) does the Department or agencies or authorities or Government Corporation within each portfolio own or lease?
5. Please list by each building owned, its name, the size of the building in terms of square metres, the location of that of that building and the latest valuation of that building, where that building is owned by the Department, or agency or authority or Government corporation within that portfolio? (In regards to this question please ignore buildings that are situated on Australian Defence force bases. Non Defence Force base buildings are to be included).
6. In regards to any building identified in Q4, please also detail, the occupancy rate as expressed as a percentage of the building size. If occupancy is identified as less than 100%, for what is the remaining space used?

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1. As at 26 May 2014, the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet owned land associated with three residential properties (house and land).

2.

Current Asset (Land Holding)	Block Size (m²)	Location	Land Valuation (book)	Owned or Leased
	727	Carnarvon WA	\$140,000	Owned
	878	Kununurra WA	\$155,000	Owned
	763	Kununurra WA	\$150,000	Owned

3.

Current Asset (Residential Property)	a. Occupant	b. House Valuation (book)	c. Contractual Arrangements
	Nil	\$450,000	Agreements in place with real estate agents for sale of property. Contracts for sale exchanged pending settlement.
	Nil	\$231,022	Agreements in place with real estate agents for sale of property.
	Nil	\$248,741	Agreements in place with real estate agents for sale of property.

4. As at 26 May 2014, PM&C owned three residential properties (house and land) – see Questions 1-3. See response to Question reference number 329 for details of leased properties.

5.

Property	House Size (squares)	Location	House Valuation (book)
	Unknown	Carnarvon WA	\$450,000
	125	Kununurra WA	\$231,022
	125	Kununurra WA	\$248,741

6. All buildings are 100% residential.