

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
BUDGET ESTIMATES 2014-2015

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

Department/Agency: Office of the Commonwealth Ombudsman

Outcome/Program:

Outcome 1. Fair and accountable administrative action by Australian Government agencies by investigating complaints, reviewing administrative action and inspecting statutory compliance by law enforcement agencies.

Topic: Land Costs

Senator: Senator 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?

Answer:

- (1) The Office does not own or lease any land.
- (2) Not applicable.
- (3) Not applicable.
- (4) The Office leases six (6) office premises. None of the leases are for an entire building.
- (5) The Office does not own any buildings.
- (6) The Office's leased office premises' occupancy rate expressed as a percentage is provided below:

Building Location	Occupancy Rate of Office Premises Leased
Adelaide	100.0%
Brisbane	100.0%
Melbourne	88.2%
Perth	100.0%
Sydney	44.4%
Canberra	74.4%

The remaining space is office space, some of which is used for managing fluctuations in workforce and providing a degree of flexibility for recruiting staff Australia wide.

Note the Office does not lease any of the buildings in their entirety.