

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Senator: Gallagher

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Question:

Senator GALLAGHER: Minister, are there any other decisions in the pipeline actively being considered for other agencies to move to Gosford or another location?

Senator Cormann: I will take that question on notice, just in an abundance of caution, because I do not want to provide a misleading answer. I am not, off the top of my head, aware of any. I do not want to set the hares running but, by the same token, I do not want to give you a misleading and inaccurate answer, so I will take that on notice.

Answer:

As at 20 October 2015, no further lease endorsement proposals had been received by the Department of Finance from entities seeking to relocate from Canberra to Gosford and other locations.

As previously announced, in relation to the Australian Bureau of Statistics, a proposal to establishing an office in Geelong is currently under development.