

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS
BUDGET ESTIMATES 2017

Attorney General's Department

National Archives of Australia

Question No. BE17-153

Senator Pratt asked the following question on 05 June 2017:

- 1) Please provide an update on the proposed sale of the Canberra property where the national office, public display and reading rooms are located.
- 2) Have there been any discussions about where the national office will be located if the current property is sold?
- 3) Have there been any discussions about upgrading the building in the event that the Canberra property is not sold?

The response to the honourable Senator's question is as follows:

1. The Department of Finance advise preparations for the sale of the East Block building (National Office for the National Archives of Australia) commenced from mid-2017, with an approach to market anticipated by August 2017.
2. The National Archives of Australia will continue to tenant the East Block building. However, the Archives will relocate to Old Parliament House while remediation works are completed. The National Archives of Australia will be located at Old Parliament House for up to 12 months.
3. There are no plans to upgrade East Block post sale. Remediation works will be completed while Archives is temporarily located at Old Parliament House.