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ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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AGENCY/DEPARTMENT: DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY, TOURISM AND RESOURCES
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TOPIC: SENATOR MCGAURAN'S TENANCY IN THE BALLARAT SMALL BUSINESS INCUBATOR AND RELATED QUESTIONS
REFERENCE: HANSARD 16/02/05, PAGES E25-31

QUESTION No.10
(Hansard 16/02/05, p.E25)

Senator Lundy asked about:

When was the department made aware of the Ballarat incubator's tenant criteria eligibility guidelines?

ANSWER

The Department became aware of the tenant eligibility criteria and entry procedures in July 2000. The tenant eligibility criteria and entry procedures formed part of an application under the Small Business Incubator Program.

The incubator provided a revised tenant entry policy including selection criteria to the Department in September 2002.

QUESTION No.11
(Hansard 16/02/05, pp.E25-26)

Senator Lundy asked about:

Can you advise what rent the commercial tenants or non-incubatee tenants in the Ballarat incubator are paying?

ANSWER

The rental rates for commercial tenants range from \$7.50 to \$12.00 per m² per week (ex GST).

QUESTION No.12
(Hansard 16/02/05, p.26)

Senator Lundy asked about:

Can you advise the Committee which tenants of the Ballarat incubator were paying rents of \$10 and \$12 per square metre?

ANSWER

Disclosure of details of tenancy arrangements and rental rates is restricted by provisions in the Small Business Incubator funding agreement. However, the Department can advise that five tenants are paying \$12 per m² per week and one tenant is paying \$10 per m² per week (ex GST).