

Senate Standing Committee on Economics

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

TREASURY

Australian Taxation Office

(Budget Estimates 3 June 2008)

Question **BET 123**
Topic: **Australian Valuation Office (AVO) accommodation in Victoria**
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Senator Bernardi asked:

Is it correct that the AVO has recently joined the ATO in Melbourne? When I say joined, I mean: are they now in the same building?

Mr D'Ascenzo—Yes. We are rationalising our accommodation holdings and moving AVO into where we have ATO accommodation.

Senator BERNARDI—Where was the AVO previously?

Mr D'Ascenzo—I am not sure.

Senator BERNARDI—Are you sure whether there was any requirement to maintain an existing lease or break an existing lease?

Mr D'Ascenzo—I am not aware that that is the case. It would be unlikely if that was the case, but I can get that checked out as well.

Senator BERNARDI—That would be great if you could. We have got a couple of hours. I am interested in the cost of the lease, if it had to be maintained for a period of time and also the length of tenure.

Answer:

The lease on the Fitzroy building expires in October 2009. It is understood that the rent is \$10,000 per month.

The Australian Valuation Office is currently negotiating with the lessor to sub-let or settle the ending of the lease.