

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON ECONOMICS QUESTION
(Supplementary Budget Estimates 20 October – 21 October)

Question: SBT 111**Topic: Commonwealth Property Management Framework**

Senator Bushby asked:

1. The 2009-10 Mid Year Economic and Fiscal Outlook detailed the establishment of Commonwealth Property Management Framework. How has this applied to your department and portfolio agencies?
2. Has the implementation of this Framework lead to savings in your portfolio? Please provide details.

Answer:

This response is limited to the ATO and does not include information relating to the broader Treasury portfolio.

1. The establishment of the Commonwealth Property Management Framework provides greater clarity of the government's targets for effective use of accommodation. The current target of 16m² per occupied work point seeks to drive efficiencies in all agencies and therefore reduce property operating expenditure. The implementation of the Property Management Framework has also ensured all agencies have an endorsed and published Property Management Plan in place each year.

The ATO has an approved five year location strategy which directs our annual Property Management Plan. The strategy ensures that the accommodation provided meets our future business needs as well as the requirements under the Commonwealth Property Management Framework.

2. The ATO has been notified by the Department of Finance and Deregulation that the following savings will be applied in Property Operating Expenses:

	Savings (\$)				
	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	Total
All ATO sites:	97,444	257,280	387,950	1,681,043	2,423,717