

**Senate Standing Committee on Economics**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
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**AGENCY/DEPARTMENT:** DEPARTMENT OF INNOVATION, INDUSTRY, SCIENCE AND RESEARCH

**TOPIC:** MOORE STREET LEASE

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**QUESTION No.:** SI-17

**Senator COLBECK:** As I understood it, the office was initially based in Industry House and then it moved to another location in 2010. Did we have to break any leases to move in or out? We would not with Industry House, I would think. Were there any leases that had to be broken as part of that process?

**Ms P Kelly:** You are right that the Office of the Chief Scientist was located in the department and it moved to a location in Moore Street. It has now moved back to level 9 of Industry House, back into the department. I understand that we still have a lease on the Moore Street building, but I would have to take on notice the details around that.

**Senator COLBECK:** Can you give us details of that lease? Is anybody using that office?

**Ms P Kelly:** I do not think so at the moment.

**Senator COLBECK:** How long does the lease run for?

**Ms P Kelly:** Sorry, I have some further information. Apparently the Department of Resources, Energy and Tourism have sublet some of the space in Moore Street.

**Senator COLBECK:** So some of it is being utilised, but not all of it. Could you give us an idea of what the total cost for the lease is and a sense of what you are recovering from the sublease?

**Ms P Kelly:** Yes.

**ANSWER**

The department did not break any lease arrangements to move the Office of the Chief Scientist (OCS) in or out of Industry House.

The arrangement for the lease of the Moore Street property is through a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the department and the Productivity Commission which expires on 31 December 2012.

The monthly cost to the department for this arrangement is \$18,830 exclusive of GST and the cost for the remaining term is \$244,802 exclusive of GST. Since the OCS relocated to Industry House the entire space at Moore Street has been subleased to the Department of Resources, Energy and Tourism (RET) on a full cost recovery basis until 25 November 2011.