

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

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ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE**

Human Services Portfolio

Topic: Payout of leases to facilitate co-location

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Senator: FIFIELD

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Question:

Senator FIFIELD—Are you anticipating having to pay out any leases in order to facilitate the collocation?

Mr Pratt—I would not rule it out but typically we look to do co-locations where the contractual arrangements are convenient to do so.

Senator FIFIELD—Could you take on notice whether there is a requirement to pay out any leases to facilitate co-location and what the cost of that might be.

Mr Pratt—Yes.

Answer:

No specific proposals are currently under consideration for co-location that would require a pay out of a lease held by the portfolio. Co-locations requiring changes in property will be timed as far as possible with events that occur in the normal course of business such as the expiry of a current lease or a forced relocation.