

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES 2013-2014**

**Finance Portfolio**

**Department/Agency:** Department of Finance

**Outcome/Program:** 1/1.1

**Topic:** Procurement and Unions

**Senator:** McKenzie

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**Question:**

**Senator McKENZIE:** Over the last three years, how much have unions been in receipt of grants, procurement, properties that we leased or any other mechanisms under which unions would receive Commonwealth funds?

**Mr Tune:** We would have to take that on notice in relation to the Department of Finance. If you were looking for that more broadly you would have to ask each individual agency, because we would not hold that information. But we can check that for you in relation to the Department of Finance.

**Senator McKENZIE:** I will be asking each individual agency. In fact I am asking you now.

**Mr Tune:** We will take that on notice.

**Senator McKENZIE:** Was there any contract negotiation or process called on prior to contract execution during the caretaker period?

**Mr Tune:** Was that the period I was talking about?

**Senator McKENZIE:** Between the 14th and the 6th. Was that the only one?

**Mr Tune:** That is it.

**Answer:**

A list of arrangements of \$10,000 (incl GST) and over entered into by the Department of Finance is available at the AusTender site ([www.tenders.gov.au](http://www.tenders.gov.au)).

Grant arrangements entered into by the Department are listed on the Department's website ([www.finance.gov.au/publications/grants/](http://www.finance.gov.au/publications/grants/)) in accordance with the Commonwealth Grants Guidelines requirements.

Finance has three electorate office properties where the lessor is a union organisation. These are listed at Attachment A.

## Attachment A

### F20 Procurement and Unions

Rental Costs ex GST for Union owned Electorate office 2011-2013 Calender years						
Address	Member/Senator	Owner	2011	2012	2013	Total
62 Lygon Street, Carlton, Vic 3053	Senator Kim Carr	Meat Industry Employees Superannuation Fund Pty Ltd	\$50,360.00	\$50,480.22	\$50,598.60	\$151,438.82
101 Henley Beach Road, SA, 5031	Senator Anne McEwen	United Voice (Formally Liquor Hospitality and Miscellaneous Union)	\$55,494.44	\$58,201.88	\$60,239.00	\$173,935.32
69 Fullarton Road, Kent Town SA 5067**	Senator Annette Hurley until 30 June 2011 then Senator Alex Gallacher	SDA Employees Association SA	\$42,068.00	\$42,804.71	\$25,213.16	\$110,085.87
		<b>TOTAL</b>	\$147,922.44	\$151,486.81	\$136,050.76	\$435,460.01
** Lease over 69 Fullarton Terminated 31 July 2013						