

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

Department/Agency: Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet

Outcome/Program: 1.1 Prime Minister and Cabinet

Topic: Building lease costs

Senator: Senator the Hon Joe Ludwig

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Question:

What has been the total cost of building leases for the agency / department since September 7, 2013?

1. Please provide a detailed list of each building that is currently leased. Please detail by:
 - a. Date the lease agreement is active from.
 - b. Date the lease agreement ends.
 - c. Is the lease expected to be renewed? If not, why not?
 - d. Location of the building (City and state).
 - e. Cost of the lease.
 - f. Why the building is necessary for the operations of the agency / department.
2. Please provide a detailed list of each building that had a lease that was not renewed since September 7, 2013. Please detail by:
 - a. Date from which the lease agreement was active.
 - b. Date the lease agreement ended.
 - c. Why was the lease not renewed?
 - d. Location of the building (City and state).
 - e. Cost of the lease.
 - f. Why the building was necessary for the operations of the agency / department.
3. Please provide a detailed list of each building that is expected to be leased in the next 12 months. Please detail by:
 - a. Date the lease agreement is expected to become active.
 - b. Date the lease agreement is expected to end.
 - c. Expected location of the building (City and state).
 - d. Expected cost of the lease.

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- e. Has this cost been allocated into the budget?
- f. Why the building is necessary for the operations of the agency / department.
- 4. For each building owned or leased by the department:
 - a. What is the current occupancy rate for the building?
 - b. If the rate is less than 100%, detail what the remaining being used for.

Answer:

The total cost of all commercial leases for the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet from September 2013 to February 2014 is \$4,803,177.

- 1. Below is a detailed list of each building that is currently leased:

One National Circuit, Barton	
a.	17 February 2007
b.	16 February 2022
c.	To be determined
d.	Canberra, ACT
e.	\$115,500,000.00
f.	Office accommodation

60 Albert St, Brisbane	
a.	14 June 2013
b.	31 December 2014
c.	No, office accommodation not required after G20 2014
d.	Brisbane, Queensland
e.	\$2,980,378.00
f.	Office accommodation – G20

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Level 24, 6 O'Connell Street, Sydney	
a.	1 August 2009
b.	14 August 2014
c.	Yes
d.	Sydney, New South Wales
e.	\$2,391,046.00
f.	Office accommodation – COAG Reform Council

Part Level 21, 101 Collins Street, Melbourne	
a.	1 July 2011
b.	30 June 2014
c.	Yes
d.	Melbourne Victoria
e.	\$410,746.00
f.	Former Governor-General office accommodation

Part Level 13, 1 Eagle Street, Brisbane	
a.	1 February 2013
b.	31 January 2018
c.	To be determined in FY2017-18
d.	Brisbane, Queensland
e.	\$552,896.00
f.	Former Governor-General office accommodation

Ground Floor, 15 Murray Crescent, Griffith	
a.	1 May 2011
b.	30 April 16
c.	To be determined in 2015-16
d.	Canberra ACT
e.	\$399,155.00
f.	Former Governor-General office accommodation

1 st Floor, 15 Murray Crescent, Griffith	
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a.	15 August 2013
b.	30 April 2016
c.	To be determined in 2015-16
d.	Canberra ACT
e.	\$245,335.00
f.	Former Governor-General office accommodation

Level 12, 6 O'Connell Street, Sydney	
a.	1 November 2011
b.	30 June 2018
c.	To be determined
d.	Sydney, New South Wales
e.	\$1,448,291.00
f.	Office accommodation – on behalf of the National Mental Health Commission (NMHC). This property will transfer to the NMHC under the Machinery of Government arrangements.

2. Nil

3. Below is detailed list of buildings that are expected to be leased in the next 12 months

Level 24, 6 O'Connell Street, Sydney	
a.	15 August 2014
b.	14 August 2017
c.	Sydney, New South Wales
d.	\$1,899,762
e.	Yes
f.	Office accommodation for COAG Reform Council

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Part Level 21, 101 Collins, St Melbourne	
a.	1 July 2014
b.	30 June 2017
c.	Melbourne Victoria
d.	\$454,492
e.	Yes
f.	Office accommodation for former Governor-General

Park Level 3, U Block, Queensland University of Technology, 2 George Street, Brisbane	
a.	1 April 2014
b.	31 March 2024
c.	Brisbane, Queensland
d.	\$928,204
e.	Yes
f.	Office accommodation for former Governor-General

Under the machinery of government changes resulting from the 2013 Federal Election, Indigenous Affairs programmes were transferred to the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet. These programmes are being housed in properties leased by the Department of Social Services, Department of Employment and Department of Education. The leases for these properties will be transferred under a shared services arrangement to the Department of Human Services prior to the end of the 2013-14 Financial Year.

4. All tenancies leased by the department are 100% occupied by staff or office holders.