

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

**Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio**

**Department/Agency:** Australian Public Service Commission

**Outcome/Program:** Cross Portfolio

**Topic:** Building lease costs

**Senator:** 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.
  - 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.

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**Answer:**

1. The total cost of building leases since 7 September 2013 is estimated to be \$1,363,930 including GST.

The Australian Public Service Commission also has staff co-located with other Australian Government agencies in three locations (Brisbane, Melbourne and Perth). The co-location cost for this period is estimated to be \$99,227 excluding GST (no GST is charged by the agencies).

Office	Lease start date	Lease end date	Lease to be renewed?	Cost of lease including GST <sup>a</sup>	Location	Why the building is necessary
Levels 5&6, 16 Furzer Street, Phillip, ACT	1/03/2007	1/03/2022	No decision made to date.	\$30,371,152	Phillip, ACT	Head office for the Australian Public Service Commission
Level 22, 580 George Street, Sydney, NSW	1/08/2007	1/08/2017	No decision made to date.	\$4,772,000	Sydney, NSW	The APSC's Sydney office administers Casework and Enquiries and APS Recruitment and Selection Services.
Level 1, 12 Moore Street, Civic, ACT	1/04/2011	31/03/2016	No decision made to date.	\$1,178,603	Civic, ACT	Defence Force Remuneration Tribunal meeting and hearing rooms.

Note a: This is the cost of lease over the entire lease period.

2. There are no building leases which have not been renewed since 7 September 2013.
3. No buildings are expected to be leased in the next 12 months.