

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**  
**Supplementary Estimates – February 2014**  
ANSWER TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Prime Minister and Cabinet portfolio

**Department/Agency:** Office of the Official Secretary to the Governor-General

**Program 1:** Support for the Governor-General and Official Activities

**Outcome 1:** The performance of the Governor-General's role is facilitated through the organisation and management of official duties, management and maintenance of the official household and property and administration of the Australian Honours and Awards system.

**Topic:** Building lease costs

**Senator:** Ludwig

**Question reference number:** QoN 206

**Type of Question:** Written

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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.

**Answer:**

Nil; N/A to all