

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
BUDGET ESTIMATES 2011-2012

Finance and Deregulation Portfolio

Department/Agency: Department of Finance and Deregulation

Outcome/Program: General

Topic: Accommodation on density

Senator: Fifield

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Question:

- a) For each portfolio department and agency office please list the occupied workpoint space allocated per person.
- b) Does this adhere to the Government's Commonwealth Property Management Guidelines (the Guidelines)? Explain.
- c) If yes, please explain if any refurbishment was required to meet the Guidelines and what the costs were.
- d) What savings did each portfolio department and agency achieve by meeting the Guidelines? Please itemise each portfolio department and agency separately.
- e) How much of these savings has each portfolio department and agency kept? Please itemise each portfolio department and agency separately.
- f) If no, please give details why it does not, including whether an exemption has been received by the Finance Minister.
- g) What funding has been taken from each portfolio department and agency because they do not meet the Guidelines? Please itemise each portfolio department and agency separately.
- h) Are there plans to meet the Guidelines? Please explain.

Answer:

- a) The Department reported an overall occupied work point density of 14m² in the *Australian Government Office Occupancy Report 2009*.
- b) Yes. The Property Guidelines incorporate an occupational density target for office accommodation of 16m² per occupied work point.

- c) No refurbishment was required to meet the guidelines.
- d) Efficiencies of \$157,787 are during 2010-11 to 2014-15.
- e) The savings process provides for two-thirds of any savings in rent for non-Defence agencies to be returned to the Budget, with agencies retaining one-third of the property savings and any other savings from 'other' property related expenses that are dependent on the space rented by the agency
- f) N/A
- g) Refer e) above.
- h) Yes – refer a) above.