

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

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

Department/Agency: Australian Public Service Commission
Outcome/Program: Cross Portfolio
Topic: Workspace

Senator: Fifield

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Question:

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

Answer:

1. The Commission has three properties that are subject to the Commonwealth's Property Data Collection (PRODAC) regime. The property leases precede the Government's occupational density target of 16 square meters of usable office area per occupied workpoint. As at March 2011 the reportable leases are 1) Aviation House, Phillip, Canberra – 3992 sqms with an occupied workpoint space of 20.2 sqms; 1 Bowes Place, Phillip, Canberra – 583 sqms with an occupied workpoint of 19.4 and 580 George Street Sydney – 644 sqms with an occupied workpoint space 58.5. It should be noted that in Aviation House, Canberra and Sydney tenancies, there are purpose built training suites

that contribute to this calculation, the costs of which are recovered via course and program participant charging.

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- a. As the Commission reportable tenancies are subject to leases preceding the Commonwealth Property Guidelines Management Guideline no action is required in respect of the Guidelines.
- b. Not applicable.
- c. Not applicable.
- d. Not applicable.
- e. Not applicable.
- f. As and when the Commission requires a new office lease(s) compliance with the Guidelines will be achieved.