

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS  
ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT

**Program SPCG**

**Question No. 103**

**Senator Barnett asked the following question at the hearing on 18 October 2010:**

The 2009-10 Mid Year Economic and Fiscal Outlook detailed the establishment of Commonwealth Property Management Framework.

- a) How has this applied to your portfolio?
- b) Has the implementation of this Framework lead to savings in the portfolio. Please provide details.

**The answer to the honourable senator's question is as follows:**

- a) The Commonwealth Property Management Guidelines (the Property Guidelines) apply to all agencies in the Attorney-General's portfolio except for agencies not subject to the *Financial Management and Accountability Act 1997* – the Australian Government Solicitor, the Australian Institute of Criminology, the Criminology Research Council, the Australian Law Reform Commission and the High Court of Australia.

One of the key policies established by the Government under its property management framework is the setting of an occupational density target of 16 square metres of useable office area per occupied workpoint for leases of more than 500 square metres of useable office space. Agencies in the portfolio not already achieving the density target have the option to include a strategy in their property management planning to achieve this target. The strategies will need to take account of the timing of lease expiries, the availability of alternate lease options if required and the availability of funding for new or replacement fitout.

- b) The Government has applied deemed savings to agencies generally commencing in 2011-12 in anticipation of the density target being met as existing leases expire.

<b>Agency</b>	<b>2010-11</b>	<b>2011-12</b>	<b>2012-13</b>	<b>2013-14</b>
Attorney- General's Department	-	\$254,716	\$513,709	\$ 513,709
Office of Parliamentary Council	-	-	\$211,913	\$284,448
Australian Security Intelligence Organisation	No. The Framework requirements are consistent with the effective and efficient property management practices ASIO already has in place.			
Australian Law Reform Commission	-	-	-	-
Australian Human Rights Commission	\$139,000	\$139,000	\$139,000	\$139,000
Australian Commission for Law Enforcement Integrity	-	\$4,000	\$58,000	\$58,000
Australian Federal Police	\$200,000	\$700,000	\$1,600,000	\$1,600,000

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National Native Title Tribunal	-	-	\$122,000	\$219,000
Australian Customs and Border Protection Service	\$81,889	\$417,739	\$1,292,428	\$1,906,650
Australian Transaction Reports and Analysis Centre	-	\$17,000	\$214,000	\$253,000
Australian Crime Commission	-	-	\$65,353	\$112,106
Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions	-	-	\$290,000	\$665,000
Insolvency and Trustee Service Australia	-	\$147,229	\$185,772	\$185,772
Administrative Appeals Tribunal		\$220,540	\$220,540	\$220,540
CrimTrac Agency	-	-	-	-

The Department of Finance and Deregulation is currently assessing a business case from the Family Court, the Federal Court, and the Federal Magistrates Court requesting exemptions to the property management framework.