

Senate Community Affairs Committee
ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
SOCIAL SERVICES PORTFOLIO
2013-14 Additional Estimates Hearings

Outcome Number: Cross Outcome - Across Programs

Question No: 135

Topic: Building Lease Costs

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Senator Ludwig asked:

In regard to the total cost of building leases for the agency / department since 7 September 2013, has the cost of building leases for the agency/department been allocated into the budget?

- a. Why the building is necessary for the operations of the agency / department.
- b. For each building owned or leased by the department:
 - i. What is the current occupancy rate for the building?
 - ii. If the rate is less than 100%, detail what the remaining being used for.

Answer:

Department of Social Services

The total cost of building leases for the Department has been allocated into the budget.

- a. see Attachment to Question No 132.
- b. i. and ii. see Question No 128.

Australian Institute of Family Studies

Yes, the cost of building leases for the Australian Institute of Family Studies has been allocated into the budget.

- a. These premises are the sole office space for the Institute.
- b.
 - i. The Australian Institute of Family Studies leases Level 20 and half of Level 19 of a commercial building and occupancy on those floors is 97%.
 - ii. The remaining 3% occupancy rate is spare capacity. It should be noted however that the Australian Institute of Family Studies is dependent on successful submissions of tenders and hence requires this capacity to be able to house additional staff as required.

National Disability Insurance Agency

Yes – see Attachment to Question No. 132.