

Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES – 11 FEBRUARY 2016 ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Department of Human Services

Topic: Land cost

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Senator: Ludwig

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Question:

- a) How much land (if any) does the Department or agencies or authorities or Government corporation within each portfolio own or lease?
- b) Please list by each individual land holding, the size of the piece of land, the location of that piece of land and the latest valuation of that piece of land, where that land is owned or leased by the Department, or agency or authority or Government Corporation within that portfolio? (In regards to this question please ignore land upon which Australian Defence force bases are located. Non Defence Force base land is to be included)
- c) List the current assets, items or purse (buildings, facilities or other) on the land identified above.
 - 1) What is the current occupancy level and occupant of the items identified in (c)?
 - 2) What is the value of the items identified in (c)?
 - 3) What contractual or other arrangements are in place for the items identified in (c)?
- d) How many buildings (if any) does the Department or agencies or authorities or Government Corporation within each portfolio own or lease?
- e) Please list by each building owned, its name, the size of the building in terms of square metres, the location of that of that building and the latest valuation of that building, where that building is owned by the Department, or agency or authority or Government corporation within that portfolio? (In regards to this question please ignore buildings that are situated on Australian Defence force bases. Non Defence Force base buildings are to be included).
- f) In regards to any building identified in Q4, please also detail, the occupancy rate as expressed as a percentage of the building size. If occupancy is identified as less than 100%, for what is the remaining space used?

Answer:

- a), b) & c) The department does not own any land. The department has four land leases in remote Northern Territory and Queensland with details outlined in Attachment A.

- d) The department owns 35 residential properties in remote locations, and owns one commercial building in Wadeye, Northern Territory as detailed in Attachment A. Refer to Question on Notice HS 120 Additional Estimates 11 February 2016 – Building Lease Costs for a list of the department’s commercial leased buildings.
- e) The department owns one building located in Wadeye, Northern Territory. It is utilised as the Wadeye Remote Service Centre. The building is approximately 135 square metres in size and is located at Lot 636, Perdjert Street. The current book value of the building is \$171,751.
- f) The department’s owned building at Lot 636, Perdjert Street is 100 per cent occupied. Refer to Question on Notice HS 120 Additional Estimates 11 February 2016 – Building Lease Costs for a list of the department’s commercial leased buildings.