

Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications

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Australian Communications and Media Authority

Question No: 43

Program No. Australian Communications and Media Authority (ACMA)

Hansard Ref: In Writing

Topic: Land Costs

Senator Ludwig asked:

1. How much land (if any) does the Department or Agencies or authorities or Government corporation within each portfolio own or lease?
2. 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*)
3. List the current assets, items or purse (buildings, facilities or other) on the land identified above.
  - a. What is the current occupancy level and occupant of the items identified in (3)?
  - b. What is the value of the items identified in (3)?
  - c. What contractual or other arrangements are in place for the items identified in (3)?
4. How many buildings (if any) does the Department or Agencies or authorities or Government Corporation within each portfolio own or lease?
5. 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*).
6. 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:

1. The ACMA owns or leases 17 land holdings across Australia.
2. The ACMA's land holdings are:

Name	Size in hectares	Location	Owned or Leased	Land Value	Asset Value
Quoin Ridge	50.6	Richmond TAS	Owned	0.175m	0.360m
South Morang	5	McArthurs Rd, South Morang VIC	Owned	0.475m	0.192m
Lucas Heights	< 1	Lucas Heights NSW	Leased	N/A	0.035m
Warrimoo	< 1	Victoria St, Warrimoo NSW	Leased	N/A	0.040m

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Beechmont	< 1	Beechmont Rd, Beechmont, QLD	Leased	N/A	0.071m
Capalaba	62.38	Old Cleveland Rd, Birkdale, QLD	Owned	\$6.0m	0.118m
Slade Point	< 1	2 Albatross St, Slade Point QLD	Leased	N/A	0.050m
Maleny	< 1	Montville Rd, Maleny, QLD	Leased	N/A	0.045m
Brooklyn Park	< 1	Airport Rd, Adelaide ,SA	Owned	0.2m	0.080m
Goosbury Hill	< 1	Graham Road, Gooseberry Hill WA	Leased	N/A	0.030m
Bullsbrook	4	RAAF Pearce, 3 TU, Bullsbrook WA	Leased	N/A	0.027m
Garden Island	< 1	HMAS Stirling, North End, Garden Island WA	Leased	N/A	0.007m
Cox Peninsula	200	Cox Peninsula NT	Owned(*)	0.0m	0.079m
Fingerpost Hill	< 1	Table Cape Rd, Table Cape, TAS	Leased	N/A	0.040m
Flat Top Range	< 1	Resources Reserve, Rockhampton	Leased	N/A	0.052m
Childers	< 1	Corner of Goodwood Road & Bruce Highway Childers QLD	Leased	N/A	0.026m
Torrens Island	1.25	Torrens Island, SA	Leased	N/A	0.0012m

(\*)The ACMA is currently working with Finance to transfer the land title of Cox Peninsula in line with the Kenbi Land Claim and have not undertaken a land valuation.

3. The assets and items of land identified in Question 2 are used to undertake spectrum monitoring and investigate interference. Each site consists of a small structure used to accommodate technical equipment and aerials.
  - a. The Quoin Ridge site is operated by one employee. All other sites are designed to operate without a permanent presence and accessed for maintenance and upgrades only.
  - b. Please refer to the table above for Question 2.
  - c. Leased and owned.
4. The ACMA owns two buildings, one located at Quoin Ridge Tasmania and the second at Capalaba Queensland. The buildings house specialised equipment that is utilised by technical staff when on site.
5. The ACMA owns five technical sites across Australia. These are:

<b>Site Name</b>	<b>Size in square metres</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Building Valuation</b>
Quoin Ridge	275	Richmond TAS	0.120m
South Morang	60	McArthurs Rd, South Morang VIC	0.175m
Capalaba	250	Old Cleveland Rd, Birkdale, QLD	0.037m
Brooklyn Park	30	Airport Rd, Adelaide ,SA	0.036m
Cox Peninsula	10	Cox Peninsula NT	0.000m

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6. The Quoin Ridge staff occupancy is one employee. The building was previously a major operational centre for the Post Master Generals Department manned 24hours per day seven days per week. The ACMA is the successor agency and continues to provide High Frequency Directional Finding services along with spectrum monitoring. All other sites are designed to operate unmanned.