

**Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications**

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**Question No: 233(c)**

**Special Broadcasting Service**

**Hansard Ref: Written, 19/02/2016**

**Topic: Building Lease Costs**

**Senator Ludwig, Joe asked:**

Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015:

1. What has been the total cost of building leases for the agency / department?
2. Please provide a detailed list of each building that is currently leased. Please detail by:
  - (a) Date the lease agreement is active from.
  - (b) Date the lease agreement ends.
  - (c) Is the lease expected to be renewed? If not, why not?
  - (d) Location of the building (City and state).
  - (e) Cost of the lease.
  - (f) Why the building is necessary for the operations of the agency / department.
3. Please provide a detailed list of each building that had a lease that was not renewed during the specified period. Please detail by:
  - (a) Date from which the lease agreement was active.
  - (b) Date the lease agreement ended.
  - (c) Why was the lease not renewed?
  - (d) Location of the building (City and state).
  - (e) Cost of the lease.
  - (f) Why the building was necessary for the operations of the agency / department.
4. Please provide a detailed list of each building that is expected to be leased in the next 12 months. Please detail by:
  - (a) Date the lease agreement is expected to become active.
  - (b) Date the lease agreement is expected to end.
  - (c) Expected location of the building (City and state).
  - (d) Expected cost of the lease.
  - (e) Has this cost been allocated into the budget?
  - (f) Why the building is necessary for the operations of the agency / department.
5. For each building owned or leased by the department:
  - (a) What is the current occupancy rate for the building?
  - (b) If the rate is less than 100%, detail what the remaining being used for.

**Answer:**

1. \$ 607,278.38

2.

a.-f. See table below.

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<b>Location</b>	<b>Commence date</b>	<b>Termination date</b>	<b>Lease/Licence term (years)</b>	<b>Renewal likely</b>	<b>Total lease cost \$</b>	<b>Use</b>
Level 2, Alfred Deakin Building Federation Square, Melbourne, VIC	20-Nov-02	21-Nov-25	23	Yes	\$29,683,000	Office accommodation & technical facilities for SBS Radio & TV services in Melbourne
ABC Brisbane Studio 2nd Floor 114 Grey Street, South Brisbane QLD 4101	10-Jan-14	9-Jan-17	3	Yes	\$54,315	Office accommodation for SBS regional media sales team
295 Kensington Rd, Kensington Park. 5068 Adelaide, SA	1-July-13	28-Feb-16	3	Yes	\$51,588	Office accommodation for SBS regional media sales team
ABC Perth, Room 2.139, Second Floor, 30 Fielder Street, East Perth WA	1-May-15	30-Apr-15	3	Yes	\$36,000	Office accommodation for SBS regional media sales team
Parliament House Canberra, ACT	1-Oct-2010	31-Dec-2014	4	Yes	\$245,066	Office accommodation – News staff
ABC London Bureau Level 2, 4 Millbank London SW1P 3JA	1-Sept-13	26 –July-16	3	Yes	\$72,250	Office accommodation – News staff

3. None.

4. None.

5. 100% occupancy across all owned and leased premises.