

**Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications**  
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**Question No: 233(g)**

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**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.

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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:**

1-5: To attempt to provide the level of details requested would involve an unreasonable diversion of resources.