

**Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications**

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**Question No: 233(j)**

**Creative Partnerships Australia**

**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.

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**Answer:**

1. Since 14 September, Creative Partnerships' total expenditure on Building Leases has been \$63,767.
2. Creative Partnerships has the following leases:  
National Office premises:
  - a) This lease was effective from 1 December 2014
  - b) The lease ends on 1 December 2018
  - c) The expected renewal of this lease is unknown
  - d) The leased premises are located at Level 4, 2 Kavanagh Street Southbank Victoria
  - e) The lease costs \$89,700 per annum excluding GST
  - f) The premises house Creative Partnerships' National staff and its Victoria / Tasmania office
3. NSW / ACT Office premises:
  - a) This lease was effective 1 March 2015
  - b) The lease ends on 1 August 2017
  - c) The expected renewal of this lease is unknown
  - d) The leased premises are located at 372 Elizabeth Street, Surry Hills NSW
  - e) the lease costs \$9251 per annum excluding GST
  - f) The premises house Creative Partnerships' New South Wales and Australian Capital Territory operations and staff
4. NT office premises:
  - a) This lease was effective 1 July 2015
  - b) The lease ends 30 June 2016
  - c) It is expected that the lease will be renewed
  - d) The leased premises are located at 48 – 50 Smith Street Darwin NT
  - e) The lease costs \$24,000 per annum excluding GST
  - f) The premises house Creative Partnerships' Northern Territory operations and staff
5. No buildings that had a lease during the reportable period have not been renewed during the period.
  - a) No new buildings or premises are expected to be leased in the next 12 months.
  - b) All premises leased by Creative Partnerships are fully occupied by it.