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Question No: 233(k)

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Topic: Building Lease Costs

Senator Ludwig, Joe asked:

National Cultural Institutions

- Australian National Maritime Museum
- National Film and Sound Archive
- National Gallery of Australia
- National Library of Australia
- National Museum of Australia
- National Portrait Gallery
- The Museum of Australian Democracy

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.

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- (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:

Australian National Maritime Museum

1. \$44,792 for the period 14 September 2015 to 8 February 2016.
2. (a) 1st February 2015.
(b) 31 January 2018.
(c) Yes.
(d) 5 Nursery Place, Campbelltown, NSW 2560.
(e) Total cost of lease for 3 years is \$357,295.
(f) For the storage of property furniture & fittings, exhibition and showcase items, maintenance parts for the ships and also 11 collection assets.
3. N/A.
4. Refer to answers to question 2.
5. (a) 100%.
(c) N/A.

National Film and Sound Archive

1. The total cost for 5 months rent for 6 leased buildings was \$376,595 (ex GST).
2. See table below.
3. N/A.
4. (a)–(d) and (f). See attached table. 4(e). Yes.
5. See table below.

Table: Questions 2 and 5

Building Name/ Location	Question 2 (a) Lease active from	Question 2 (b) Lease agreement ends	Question 2 (c) Lease expected to be renewed?	Question 2 (d) Location of the building	Question 2 (e) Cost of lease per annum (ex GST)	Question 2 (f) Main Function of building – necessary to operation of the NFSA	Question 5 Occupancy rate
Mitchell Annex (MA)	1/01/2016	31/08/2020	Yes	10-12 Baillieu Court Mitchell, ACT, 2911	\$121,512	General purpose, unairconditioned, warehouse facility with small Collection Retrieval Staff office area.	100% occupancy for staff area. Main area of building used for storage of Collection.

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Mitchell 2 (M2)	16/12/2011	15/12/2016	Yes	Unit 6, Mitchell Business Centre, 160 Lysaght Street, Mitchell, ACT, 2911	\$126,684	Unstaffed site. Facility used to store Dupe and Access AV Collection material at around 18°C and 45% RH.	Unstaffed site - storage facility
Mitchell 4 (M4)	1/08/2014	31/07/2018	Yes	Unit 5, 23 Essington Street, Mitchell, ACT, 2911	\$52,104	Unstaffed storage site. Facility used to store paper based Collection materials and artefacts	Unstaffed site - storage facility
Mitchell 5 (M5)	1/01/2016	31/12/2020	Yes	18-20 Baillieu Court, Mitchell, ACT, 2911	\$158,160	Unstaffed storage site. Facility used to store Preservation AV Collection material under various environmentally controlled conditions.	Unstaffed site - storage facility
Sydney	21/04/2011	20/04/2016	Yes	Level 1 and 2, 45 Murray Street, Pyrmont, NSW 2009	\$344,400	Office accommodation for around 25 staff, AV transfer suite, Collection entry and access point	100%
Melbourne	1/05/2015	30/04/2016	No. Lease cannot be renewed	Level 3, 114 Flinders Street, Melbourne South, VIC 3205	\$100,968	Office accommodation for 10 Staff and collection entry point. Minor storage.	100%

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Table: Question 4 responses

Building Name/ Location	Question 4 (a) Lease active from	Question 4 (b) Lease agreement ends	Question 4 (c) Location of the building	Question 4 (d) Cost of lease per annum (ex GST)	Question 4 (f) Main Function of building – necessary to operation of the NFSA
Melbourne – new location	1/4/2016	31/3/2021	Level 4, 2 Kavanagh St, Southbank, VIC 3006	\$47,850	Office accommodation for 10 staff and collection entry point. Office to be co-located with offices of the Australian Centre for the Moving Image

National Gallery of Australia

1. Nil.
2. National Gallery of Australia Contemporary.
 - (a) 1 July 2014.
 - (b) 26 April 2016.
 - (c) No. Space unable to maintain strict environmental conditions required for the display of Work of Art.
 - (d) Parkes, Canberra, ACT.
 - (e) \$0 (Peppercorn agreement).
 - (f) N/A.
3. N/A.
4. None
5. Occupancy Rates.
 - (a) In regards to staffing levels at the National Gallery of Australia, Parkes and the Offsite Storage Facility at Hume ACT, the occupancy rate is 100%.
 - (b) Not Applicable.

National Library of Australia

1. The total cost of building leases for the National Library of Australia for the period 14 September 2015 to 9 February 2016 was \$301,370 (excluding GST).
2. Details are as follows:
 - 64 Sheppard Street Hume, ACT.
 - (a) Lease term commenced 1 June 2014.
 - (b) Lease ends 31 May 2019.
 - (c) Lease expected to be renewed.
 - (d) 64 Sheppard Street Hume ACT.
 - (e) Rent from 14 September 2014 to 9 February 2016 was \$292,797 (ex GST.)
 - (f) Building is necessary as a store for Library collection items.
 - 5-7 Felton Street Mitchell, ACT
 - (a) Lease term commenced 1 December 2013
 - (b) Lease ends 31 March 2016
 - (c) Lease will not be renewed
 - (d) 5-7 Felton Street Mitchell ACT
 - (e) Rent from 14 September 2014 to 9 February 2016 was \$8,573 (ex GST)

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(f) The building was necessary as a workshop for exhibition preparation and construction.

3. Nil.
4. No additional buildings are expected to be leased in the next 12 months.
5. Both buildings are 100% occupied.

National Museum of Australia

1. \$1,117,262 (GST Excl).
2. See table below.

(a) Start Date	(b) End Date	(c) Renew?	(d) Location	(e) Annual Lease GST (Excl)	(f) Building Requirement
1/02/2012	31/08/2016	Yes	Mitchell, ACT	\$322,516	Store collection material. (100%)
9/05/2001	30/06/2017	Yes	Mitchell, ACT	\$478,399	Store collection material. (90%) Office Accommodation (10%)
1/10/2009	30/09/2016	Yes	Mitchell, ACT	\$999,098	Store collection material, conservation treatment laboratories (87%) Office Accommodation (13%)
Currently on a month by month basis		No (Move storage to Mitchell warehouses)	Fyshwick, ACT	\$69,834	Store Collection material and Exhibition Furniture (100%)
Currently on a month by month basis		Yes	Acton, ACT	\$367,999	Office Accommodation (100%)

3. No Leases not renewed.
4. Q2 Refers. Lease costs are allocated in the budget.
5. Q2 refers.

National Portrait Gallery

1-5: Nil. The National Portrait Gallery building is owned and the Gallery does not have any building lease costs.

The Museum of Australian Democracy

1-5. To attempt to provide this level of detail requested would involve an unreasonable diversion of resources.