

**Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications**  
**Legislation Committee**  
Answers to questions on notice  
**Environment portfolio**

**Question No:** 192  
**Hearing:** Budget Estimates  
**Outcome:** Corporate  
**Programme:** Corporate Strategies Division  
**Topic:** Portfolio wide – buildings occupancy rate  
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**Question Type:** Written

**Senator Ludwig asked:**

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:**

**DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT**

- (a) Office buildings are 100 per cent occupied. Other buildings are used for seasonal activities and occupation rate varies accordingly.
- (b) Not Applicable.

**FOR THE BUREAU OF METEOROLOGY**

- (a) All of the Bureau of Meteorology's buildings leases are 100 per cent occupancy with the exception of 700 Collins Street Melbourne.
- (b) This building has 98 per cent occupancy, with the remaining 2 per cent sub-let to CSIRO.

**CLIMATE CHANGE AUTHORITY (CCA)**

- (a) The Collins Street Melbourne building which houses Climate Change Authority staff is privately owned and the Authority has no information on occupancy rates.
- (b) Not applicable.

**CLEAN ENERGY REGULATOR**

- (a) The Clean Energy Regulator's building at 5 Farrell Place, Canberra, ACT was 73.5 per cent occupied.
- (b) The remaining space is used to accommodate staff fluctuations and movements.

#### **DIRECTOR OF NATIONAL PARKS**

- (a) All buildings are 100 per cent occupied
- (b) Not applicable.

#### **GREAT BARRIER REEF MARINE PARK AUTHORITY**

- (a) Townsville Main Office, Kelleher Place, Reef HQ Aquarium, Dent Island and Lady Elliot Island offices are 100 per cent occupied. The Low Isles office is 66 per cent occupied.
- (b) The remaining 34 per cent of Low Isles Office is a vacant house (former Research Station).

#### **MURRAY DARLING BASIN AUTHORITY**

- (a) All leased building space is 100 per cent occupied.
- (b) Not Applicable.

#### **NATIONAL WATER COMMISSION**

- (a) The National Water Commission's office in Canberra is 70 per cent occupied.
- (b) The remaining space is vacant and available for sub-lease.

#### **SYDNEY HARBOUR FEDERATION TRUST**

- (a) All buildings are 100 per cent occupied.
- (b) Not applicable.