

Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications
Answers to Senate Estimates Questions on Notice
Supplementary Budget Hearings November 2014
Communications Portfolio
Telecommunications Universal Service Management Agency

Question No: 271

Program No. TUSMA

Hansard Ref: In Writing

Topic: Disability Access

Senator LUDWIG asked:

1. Please provide a list of all premises owned, leased or otherwise operated by the department / agency which do not yet comply with the Disability Discrimination Act (through The Disability (Access to Premises - Buildings) Standards 2010). For each, please provide:
2. The year in which it was purchased / leased / rented (and if lease / rental agreement, when it expires).
3. What plans are in place to make the premises compliant with the act.
4. When these plans will commence and when they are expected to be complete.
5. Has the minister or the minister's office been informed of these plans? Please provide a copy of any communication (including but not limited to emails, letters, memos, notes etc) between the minister's office and the department regarding this issue.
6. What is the expected cost of making the premises compliant? Please break down the costs.
7. Have any plans to make any premises compliant been cancelled, put on hold or delayed since September 7, 2013? If yes, please detail, including the reasons for which they were cancelled, put on hold or delayed and how the decision was reached.
8. Have any complaints been lodged with regard to the premises not being compliant? If yes, please detail.

Answer:

TUSMA (Lessee) has a lease arrangement with Melbourne Central Custodian Pty Ltd (Lessor); please refer to question on notice 239 regarding the details. The Lessor manages and operates the building as a first class commercial office building and is compliant with the legislation.