

Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications
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Communications Portfolio
Australian Broadcasting Corporation

Question No: 592

Program No. Australian Broadcasting Corporation

Hansard Ref: In Writing

Topic: Building Lease Costs

Senator Ludwig asked:

Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014:

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:
 1. Date the lease agreement is active from.
 2. Date the lease agreement ends.
 3. Is the lease expected to be renewed? If not, why not?
 4. Location of the building (City and state).
 5. Cost of the lease.
 6. 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:
 1. Date from which the lease agreement was active.
 2. Date the lease agreement ended.
 3. Why was the lease not renewed?
 4. Location of the building (City and state).
 5. Cost of the lease.
 6. 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:
 1. Date the lease agreement is expected to become active.
 2. Date the lease agreement is expected to end.
 3. Expected location of the building (City and state).
 4. Expected cost of the lease. Has this cost been allocated into the budget?
 5. Why the building is necessary for the operations of the agency / department.
5. For each building owned or leased by the department:
 1. What is the current occupancy rate for the building?
 2. If the rate is less than 100%, detail what the remaining being used for.

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Answer:

1. The ABC incurred a total of \$584,841 on lease costs (base rental only) from 1 June 2014 – 30 November 2014.
2. Details about the buildings currently leased by the ABC are as follows:

Owned Or Leased	Lease Start Date	Lease End Date	Lease Renewed	Location	Cost of Lease*	Operational requirement
NEW SOUTH WALES						
Leased	01-Jul-13	30-Jun-16	Y	Bega	20,680	Regional Radio Studio
Leased	01-Dec-14	30-Nov-15	Y	Coffs Harbour	14,814	Regional Radio Studio
Leased	18-Jul-14	31-Jul-15	Y	Gosford	10,000	Regional Radio Studio
Leased	Monthly arrangement		Y	Muswellbrook	9,395	Regional Radio Studio
Leased	01-Mar-13	28-Feb-18	Y	Nowra	17,442	Regional Radio Studio
Leased	15-Jul-14	14-Jul-15	Y	Parramatta	14,000	News Bureau
Leased	Monthly arrangement		Y	Sydney Opera House	11,689	Recording Booth/Studio
Leased	01-Oct-12	30-Sep-17	Y	Tamworth	20,773	Regional Radio Studio
8	NSW Sub-Total (Leased)			8	118,793	
AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY						
Leased	01-Jan-10	31-Dec-14	Y	Canberra - Parl. House	118,336	Media room/Studio
1	ACT Sub-Total (Leased)			1	118,336	
QUEENSLAND						
Leased	01-Sep-14	31-Aug-15	Y	Brisbane - Parl. House	3,368	Media Room
Leased	01-Mar-13	28-Feb-16	Y	Bundaberg	27,313	Regional Radio Studio
Leased	Monthly arrangement		Y	Gladstone	7,061	Regional Radio Studio
Leased	29-Jul-13	28-Feb-15	Y	Ipswich	4,468	News Bureau
Leased	01-Jan-14	31-Dec-14	Y	Mermaid Beach	16,823	Office
5	QLD Sub-Total (Leased)			5	59,033	
NORTHERN TERRITORY						
Leased	01-Dec-14	31-May-15	Y	Darwin - Woolner	14,823	OB Van accommodation
Leased	01-Jul-13	30-Jun-16	Y	Darwin - Parl. House	2,581	Media Room
Leased	01-Apr-14	31-Mar-15	Y	Katherine	4,879	Regional Radio Studio
3	NT Sub-Total (Leased)			3	22,283	

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				VICTORIA		
Leased	15-Jul-14	14-Jul-15	Y	Geelong	7,560	News Bureau
Leased	01-Jan-12	31-Dec-16	Y	Horsham	7,474	Regional Radio Studio
Leased	01-Sep-11	31-Aug-16	Y	Mildura	15,090	Regional Radio Studio
Leased	Monthly arrangement		Y	Morwell	6,782	Regional Radio Studio
Leased	01-Mar-05	28-Feb-15	Y	Shepparton	16,803	Regional Radio Studio
5	VIC Sub-Total (Leased)			5	53,709	
				SOUTH AUSTRALIA		
Leased	01-Sep-12	31-Aug-15	Y	Port Augusta	7,731	Regional Radio Studio
Leased	01-Jan-15	31-Dec-16	Y	Port Lincoln	22,358	Regional Radio Studio
Leased	01-Jan-12	31-Dec-16	Y	Renmark	17,288	Regional Radio Studio
3	SA Sub-Total (Leased)			3	47,377	
				TASMANIA		
Leased	Monthly arrangement		Y	Burnie	17,456	Regional Radio Studio
1	TAS Sub-Total (Leased)			1	17,456	
				WESTERN AUSTRALIA		
Leased	01-Feb-14	31-Jan-15	Y	Esperance	16,286	Regional Radio Studio
Leased	01-Jul-13	30-Jun-18	Y	Kalgoorlie	39,646	Regional Radio Studio
Leased	22-Dec-13	21-Dec-14	Y	Karratha - Staff House	41,714	Staff residence
Leased	01-Nov-14	31-Oct-15	Y	Kununurra	15,328	Regional Radio Studio
4	WA Sub-Total (Leased)			4	112,974	
	Grand Total			30	549,962	

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Note: Difference between Q2 Grand Total and Q1 is due to Darwin and Gosford (Erina Fair) leases which were terminated on 2 Aug 2014 and 31 Jul 2014 respectively.

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3. The following leased buildings were not renewed between 1 June and 30 November 2014.

Lease Start Date	Lease End Date	Reason for not renewing	Location	Cost of Lease*	Operational requirement
			NSW		
05-Nov-08	31-Jul-14	Relocated to alternate premises	Gosford	\$ 47,016	Regional Radio Studio
NSW Sub-Total (Leased)			1	\$ 47,016	
			NT		
01-Oct-13	02-Aug-14	No longer required.	Darwin	\$157,309	Office Accommodation
NT Sub-Total (Leased)			1	\$157,309	

* *Cost of lease includes base rental cost only and is a per annum cost*

4. The ABC does not expect to lease any new properties in the next 12 months.

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5. Occupancy rates for each of the ABC's owned and leased buildings is as follows:

Location	Occupancy Rate	Remaining use
NEW SOUTH WALES		
Ultimo	100%	
Artarmon	100%	
Broken Hill	100%	
Dubbo	100%	
Lismore	100%	
Newcastle	100%	
Orange	100%	
Port Macquarie	100%	
Wagga Wagga	100%	
Wollongong	100%	
Bega	100%	
Coffs Harbour	100%	
Gosford	100%	
Muswellbrook	100%	
Nowra	100%	
Parramatta	100%	
Sydney Opera House	100%	
Tamworth	100%	
AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY		
Dickson	100%	
Canberra - Parl. House	100%	
NORTHERN TERRITORY		
Darwin	100%	
Alice Springs	100%	
Darwin - Woolner	100%	
Darwin - Parl. House	100%	
Katherine	100%	

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QUEENSLAND		
Brisbane - South Bank	79%	Retail tenants/Special
Cairns	100%	Broadcasting Service/
Longreach	100%	Queensland Symphony
Mackay	100%	Orchestra
Maroochydore	100%	
Mermaid Beach	100%	
Mount Isa	100%	
Rockhampton	100%	
Toowoomba	100%	
Townsville	100%	
Longreach - Staff House	100%	
Mount Isa - Staff House	100%	
Brisbane - Parl. House	100%	
Bundaberg	100%	
Gladstone	100%	
Ipswich	100%	
Mermaid Beach	100%	
VICTORIA		
Southbank	90%	Melbourne Symphony Orchestra
Southbank - Sturt St	0%	Construction
Elsternwick - Gordon St	100%	
Elsternwick - Selwyn St	100%	
Ballarat	100%	
Bendigo	100%	
Sale	100%	
Warrnambool	100%	
Wodonga	100%	
Geelong	100%	
Horsham	100%	
Mildura	100%	
Morwell	100%	
Shepparton	100%	

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SOUTH AUSTRALIA		
Collinswood	93%	State Gov. Tenants
Collinswood - CP	0%	Carparking
Mount Gambier	100%	
Port Pirie	100%	
Port Augusta	100%	
Port Lincoln	100%	
Renmark	100%	
TASMANIA		
Hobart	76%	Tenants
Launceston	100%	
Burnie	100%	
WESTERN AUSTRALIA		
East Perth	90%	Tenants/vacant
Albany	100%	
Broome	100%	
Bunbury	100%	
Geraldton	100%	
Karratha	100%	
Wagin	0%	Vacant
Broome - Staff House	100%	
Karratha - Staff House	100%	
Karratha - Staff House	100%	
Kununurra - Staff House	0%	Vacant
Esperance	100%	
Kalgoorlie	100%	
Kununurra	100%	