

Senate Standing Committee on Economics

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Treasury Portfolio

Additional Estimates

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Question: AET 1710-1711

Topic: Property Costs

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Senator BUSHBY asked:

1710. What efforts has your department made to shift towards best practice in property leasing to achieve best value for money?
1711. Are you making any efforts yet to reconfigure existing office space to achieve a staff occupancy of 14 sqm or less, and exploring opportunities to sub-let the liberated floor space? If not, why not? What market experts have you engaged on these issues and have they advised you that efficiencies are unable to be achieved?

Answer:

1710. The Treasury adheres to the Commonwealth Procurement Rules and the Commonwealth Property Management Framework, which both seek value for money when committing government funding.
1711. The Treasury has engaged Daryl Jackson Alastair Swayn Pty Ltd to develop office accommodation design guidelines, to ensure it achieves an occupancy density of 14 sqm, going forward.

The Treasury has established an office prototype, for use by staff, which achieves an occupancy density of 14 sqm, and is trialling various initiatives recommended by the Department of Finance Flexible and Efficient Workplace Design Guidance Note.