

Senate Economics Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Treasury Portfolio

Supplementary Budget Estimates

2014 - 2015

Department/Agency: CEFC

Question: SBT2080-2084

Topic: Building Lease Costs

Reference: written - 30 October 2014

Senator: Ludwig, Joe

Question:

Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014:

2080. What has been the total cost of building leases for the agency / department?
2081. 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.
2082. 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.
2083. 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.
 - i. Has this cost been allocated into the budget?
 - e) Why the building is necessary for the operations of the agency / department.
2084. For each building owned or leased by the department/agency:
- 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:

2080. \$330,372.41.

2081. The CEFC has two building leases as itemised below:

A. Sydney Office:

- a) 1 March 2013.
- b) 29 February 2016.

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- c) No. The Australian Government's intent is to abolish the Corporation.
 - d) Sydney, NSW.
 - e) Annual rent payable for the lease is currently \$435,269.04.
 - f) The building is necessary in order to house the Corporation's staff and equipment based in Sydney.
- B. Brisbane Office:
- a) 15 July 2010.
 - b) 14 July 2015.
 - c) The Australian Government's intent is to abolish the Corporation. If the CEFC needs to make further leasing arrangements it will do so at the appropriate time.
 - d) Brisbane, QLD.
 - e) Annual rent payable for the lease is currently \$358,128.84.
 - f) The building is necessary in order to house the Corporation's staff and equipment based in Brisbane.
2082. The CEFC has not had any buildings that had a lease that was not renewed since 2014-15 Budget Estimates in June, 2014.
- a)-f) Not applicable.
2083. The CEFC does not expect to lease any additional buildings in the next twelve months. The Australian Government's intent is to abolish the Corporation.
- a)-d) Not applicable.
- 2084.
- A. Sydney Office:
- a) The CEFC does not monitor the occupancy rate of the building as the CEFC is only a tenant within the building. The occupancy rate of the CEFC-leased portion is 100%.
 - b) The CEFC does not monitor what the unused portion of the building is used for. This information is of no utility to the CEFC, so attempting to collect this information would present an unnecessary diversion of public resources that would not meet the requirements of efficient, effective, economical and ethical usage per the *Public Governance and Accountability Act 2013*.
- B. Brisbane Office:
- a) The CEFC does not monitor the occupancy rate of the building as the CEFC is only a tenant within the building. The occupancy rate of the CEFC-leased portion is 100%.

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- b) The CEFC does not monitor what the unused portion of the building is used for. This information is of no utility to the CEFC, so attempting to collect this information would present an unnecessary diversion of public resources that would not meet the requirements of efficient, effective, economical and ethical usage per the *Public Governance and Accountability Act 2013*.