

Senate Committee: Education and Employment

**QUESTION ON NOTICE
Additional Estimates 2015 - 2016**

Outcome: Agency: AIATSIS

Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ16-000748

Senator Ludwig, Joe provided in writing

AIATSIS: Building Lease Costs

Question

Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015:

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:
 - (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.
3. 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.
4. 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.
5. 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

The Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies (AIATSIS) has provided the following response.

1. \$250,000
2.
 - a. 01/10/2015
 - b. 31/12/2016
 - c. No, AIATSIS anticipates it will need to look for a new location.
 - d. Canberra, ACT
 - e. \$50,000 In the period 1/10/2015 – 31/12/2015
 - f. Due to increase funding for digitisation program and increase of staff numbers and contractors.
3. Nil
4. Nil
5.
 - a. Building is at 100 per cent occupancy rate.
 - b. N/A