

**Senate Committee: Education and Employment**

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

**Outcome: Agency: AITSL**

**Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ16-000750**

Senator Ludwig, Joe provided in writing

*Also refer to previous hearing Question No. ED0448\_15*

***AITSL: 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 for Teaching and School Leadership (AITSL) provides the following response for the period 14 September 2015 to 10 February 2016:

1-2 \$283,744.39 (GST inc)

	<b>Current leases start dates</b>	<b>Current lease end dates</b>	<b>Is the lease expected to be renewed?</b>	<b>Current lease locations</b>	<b>Current lease costs</b>	<b>Reason for current leases</b>
Melbourne	15 April 2013	14 April 2018	Yes	Level 8 440 Collins Street, Melbourne VIC 3000	\$672,970.19 per annum with 4% increase from 1 April each year	This is AITSL's corporate premises
Canberra	28 August 2013	1 July 2016	Yes	Lyons Education Centre North Block, Ground Floor 67 Launceston Street, Lyons ACT 2606	\$8,024.76 per annum  Note: Reviewed 1 July annually.	AITSL's Assessment for Migration function is performed here

3. Nil

4. Nil

5)

a. Occupancy: Melbourne: 90 per cent, Canberra: 100 per cent

b. If the rate is less than 100 per cent, detail what the remaining is being used for?

- Melbourne: of 87 workstations (includes nine offices and one reception desk):
  - AITSL subleased:
    - four workstations to the Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority
    - thirteen desks to the National Schools Interoperability Program
    - five workstations to the Melba Opera Trust
  - 13 workstations are used by short term project staff and allow for fluctuations in staff numbers
  - AITSL will fill an additional four workstations by 30 March 2016 with new starting staff.
  - This will leave nine remaining vacant desks.
- Canberra: Not applicable