

**Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE  
Budget Estimates 2014-2015**

**Agency - Comcare**

**Department of Employment Question No. EM0228\_15**

**Senator Ludwig provided in writing.**

**Question**

**Comcare - Building lease costs**

What has been the total cost of building leases for the agency / department since Additional Estimates in February 2014? 1. 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. 2. Please provide a detailed list of each building that had a lease that was not renewed since Additional Estimates in February, 2014. 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. 3. 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. e. Has this cost been allocated into the budget? f. Why the building is necessary for the operations of the agency / department. 4. 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 total cost of building leases for Comcare since Additional Estimates in February 2014 is \$1,557,091.

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A detailed list of each building that is currently leased is in the table below.

*2. Please provide a detailed list of each building that had a lease that was not renewed since Additional Estimates in February, 2014. 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*

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Nil response

*3. 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. e. Has this cost been allocated into the budget? f. Why the building is necessary for the operations of the agency / department.*

Nil response

*4. 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.*

The current occupancy rate is in the table below.

Office Location	Date the lease agreement is active from	Date the lease agreement ends	Is the lease expected to be renewed? If not, why not?	Cost of the lease per annum	Why the building is necessary for the operations of the agency	Occupancy rate for the building	If the rate is less than 100%, detail what the remaining being used for.
<b>Level 3- 5, 121 Marcus Clarke Street, Canberra, ACT</b>	1 July 2012	30 June 2022	Yes	\$3,835,792	Allows for the delivery of Work Health and Safety Regulation and Workers Compensation Administration	86%	Future business operations and recruitment activity.
<b>61-79 Lysaght St, Mitchell, Canberra, ACT</b>	1 November 2005	31 October 2015	No, Comcare will no longer require this building following expiry of lease.	\$276,300	Hard copy file storage and warehouse facilities	88%	Comcare intends to vacate the building once the lease has expired.
<b>Level 30, 477 Pitt Street, Sydney, NSW</b>	1 October 2011	30 September 2016	Yes	\$259,513	Allows for the delivery of Work Health and Safety Regulation	93%	Future business operations and recruitment activity.
<b>Ground floor, 1/47 Bolton Street, Newcastle, NSW</b>	1 June 2012	30 May 2016	Yes	\$72,449	Allows for the delivery of Work Health and Safety Regulation	64%	Future business operations and recruitment activity.

<b>Level 13, 410 Queen Street, Brisbane, QLD</b>	4 September 2012	30 September 2016	Yes	\$223,059	Allows for the delivery of Work Health & Safety Regulation & Workers Compensation Administration	83%	Future business operations and recruitment activity.
<b>Level 11, 1 King William Street, Adelaide, SA</b>	1 May 2012	30 April 2016	Yes	\$144,043	Allows for the delivery of Work Health & Safety Regulation & Workers Compensation Administration	69%	Future business operations and recruitment activity.
<b>Level 6-7 , 535 Bourke Street, Melbourne, VIC</b>	5 December 2008	4 December 2015	Yes	\$867,631	Allows for the delivery of Work Health & Safety Regulation & Workers Compensation Administration	93%	Future business operations and recruitment activity.
<b>Level 5, 89 St Georges Terrace, Perth, WA</b>	11 February 2008	11 February 2015	Yes, depending on the outcome of lease renewal negotiations	\$236,031	Allows for the delivery of Work Health and Safety Regulation	76%	Future business operations and recruitment activity.