

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

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

Agency - Workplace Gender Equality Agency

Department of Employment Question No. EM0233_15

Senator Ludwig provided in writing.

Question

WGEA - 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

1. The total rental under the lease held by the Workplace Gender Equality Agency (WGEA) from Additional Estimates in February to 31 May 2014 is \$132,908.55.
 - a. 1 January 2013.
 - b. 31 December 2017.
 - c. The existing lease agreement does not include an option to renew but WGEA will seek to negotiate a new lease of the current premises closer to the end date.
 - d. Sydney, NSW.
 - e. The total rental under the lease for the 5 year term is \$1,897,719.70.
 - f. The leased premises are the sole premises from which WGEA operates.
2. Nil.
3. Nil.
4. a. The current occupancy rate for this lease is 100%.
 - b. Not applicable