

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE Budget Estimates 2014-2015

Cross Portfolio

Department of Employment Question No. EM0371_15

Senator Ludwig provided in writing.

Question

Property costs

1. How much land (if any) does the Department or agencies or authorities or Government corporation within each portfolio own or lease? 2. Please list by each individual land holding, the size of the piece of land, the location of that piece of land and the latest valuation of that piece of land, where that land is owned or leased by the Department, or agency or authority or Government Corporation within that portfolio? (In regards to this question please ignore land upon which Australian Defence force bases are located. Non Defence Force base land is to be included) 3. List the current assets, items or purse (buildings, facilities or other) on the land identified above. a. What is the current occupancy level and occupant of the items identified in (3)? b. What is the value of the items identified in (3)? c. What contractual or other arrangements are in place for the items identified in (3)? 4. How many buildings (if any) does the Department or agencies or authorities or Government Corporation within each portfolio own or lease? 5. Please list by each building owned, its name, the size of the building in terms of square metres, the location of that of that building and the latest valuation of that building, where that building is owned by the Department, or agency or authority or Government corporation within that portfolio? (In regards to this question please ignore buildings that are situated on Australian Defence force bases. Non Defence Force base buildings are to be included). 6. In regards to any building identified in Q4, please also detail, the occupancy rate as expressed as a percentage of the building size. If occupancy is identified as less than 100%, for what is the remaining space used?

Answer

Staff in the Department of Employment are accommodated in properties leased by the former Department of Education Employment and Workplace Relations (DEEWR). Arrangements between the Department of Employment and the Department of Education to settle accommodation for their employees, following the Machinery of Government changes are being finalised. Accordingly, it is not possible to attribute land or building lease details or costs to the Department of Employment at this stage.

Please refer to previous question EM0347_14 for details of leases held by the former DEEWR and its agencies. The leases over Hastings & Victoria Streets, Thursday Island and 516 Ruthven Street, Toowoomba have expired since Additional Estimates in February 2014 and have not been renewed.