

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Supplementary Budget Estimates 2014-2015

Agency - Fair Work Building & Construction

Department of Employment Question No. EM0980_15

Senator Ludwig provided in writing.

Question

FWBC - Building Lease Costs

"Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014: 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

1. \$ 1,161,939.86.
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Location	Lease active since	Lease agreement ends	Net cost of lease since June 2014
Level 11, 255 Elizabeth Street, Sydney	1 December 2005	30 November 2015	\$ 502,872.95
Level 2 & 3, 553 St Kilda Road, Melbourne	1 October 2005	30 September 2015	\$ 306,690.82

The option for renewal of the leases remains under consideration. The buildings are leased to allow the agency to perform its legislated role.

3. None.
4. None.

Location	Current occupancy	Remaining space use
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	rate	
Level 11, 255 Elizabeth Street, Sydney	74 per cent	Sub-let to AIA Group Limited
Level 2 & 3, 553 St Kilda Road, Melbourne	82 per cent	Occupied by Fair Work Ombudsman under a Memorandum of Understanding