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Senator: McAllister

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Question:

Senator McALLISTER: Thank you, Minister. On notice, would you be able to provide a breakdown of the individual actions that have built up to that \$200 million?

Senator Cormann: Yes, we can.

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Senator McALLISTER: Thank you, Minister. I think, Mr Edge, you mentioned you would be willing to provide the methodology and assumptions that sit behind that.

Mr Edge: Yes, sure.

Answer:

Savings are the result of the following Departments and agencies taking up vacant office space:

- the Department of Veterans' Affairs taking up 10,217m² within the Australian Taxation Office's premises in Civic;
- the Shared Services Centre taking up 10,873m² within Garema Court in Canberra City;
- the Australian Electoral Commission, Digital Transformation Office and the Department of Education taking up 7,550 m² at 50 Marcus Clarke Street;
- Safe Work Australia, taking up 1,885m² in the Nishi Building, New Acton; and
- the balance of the 42,000m² figure consists of a heads of agreement signed between the Department of Finance and the Department of the Environment for John Gorton Building, and a revision of spatial requirements by the Department of Education.

Based on rent rates the average lease cost across these tenancies is approximately \$460 per square metre per annum. This represents a total saving of \$197 million over the analysis period of 10 years.