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**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
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**Question:**

**Senator McALLISTER:** I am, as I indicated, pursuing a reasonably technical line of questioning, so that would be quite helpful. The minister's press release mentions that there are 'a further 18,000 square metres of office space' available—

**Senator Cormann:** That will become available in 2016.

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**Senator McALLISTER:** Very good. I am just wondering if it is possible, again on notice, to provide me with information on where this office space is, listing each property and the square meterage available at that place.

**Senator Cormann:** So you want a more detailed breakdown in respect of the 18,000 square metres?

**Senator McALLISTER:** Yes.

**Senator Cormann:** We can help with that.

**Senator McALLISTER:** And, if you are able to provide a list of government leases that are set to expire or have already expired that provide the opportunity to take up this spare 18,000 square metres—

**Senator Cormann:** Sure.

**Senator McALLISTER:** and the entities that they relate to, that information would be useful also.

**Ms Halton:** We will give you what we can, Senator, on notice.

**Senator McALLISTER:** That would be terrific, Ms Halton. Since you are being so helpful, noting that this initiative is to be rolled out nationally, are you able to provide some data about the vacant office space for Commonwealth properties currently existing outside of Canberra or the ACT and, similarly, a list of those properties which includes their location as well as the available square meterage?

**Senator Cormann:** The short answer is yes ...

**Senator McALLISTER:** Okay. Similar to the question about the ACT, is it possible to have that information on a national basis? Where are the relevant leases where you might look to achieve efficiencies by utilising other space?

**Mr Edge:** Yes, sure.

**Answer:**

Information about vacant office space by State and Territory can be found in the most recent Australian Government Office Occupancy Report available on the Finance website at [http://www.finance.gov.au/sites/default/files/australian\\_government\\_office\\_occupancy\\_report.pdf](http://www.finance.gov.au/sites/default/files/australian_government_office_occupancy_report.pdf). The remaining 18,000m<sup>2</sup> of surplus office space that will become available in 2016 is located at the Nishi and Treasury Buildings respectively.