

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES 2014-15

Finance Portfolio

Department/Agency: All
Outcome/Program: 2/2.2
Topic: Land costs

Senator: Ludwig

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Type of question: Written

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Question:

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:

Department/ Agency	Response
Finance	<p>The information sought by the Senator's questions is extensive and varied and would involve an unreasonable/excessive diversion of resources across the Finance portfolio to provide a detailed answer.</p> <p>Much of the information sought already exists in the public domain through a range of avenues.</p> <p>For example, Commonwealth public works which are estimated to cost more than \$15 million must be referred to the Parliamentary Committee on Public Works (the PWC). The PWC inquires into and reports to the Parliament on each public work referred to it. The PWC's reports can be accessed via the following link: www.aph.gov.au/parliamentary_business/committees/house_of_representatives_committees.</p> <p>Leasing and occupancy information is available via the Australian Government Property Data Collection (PRODAC). PRODAC provides a central database on the office space leased and owned by the Australian Government. The Australian Government Office Occupancy Report 2009 is a whole of government report, which is based on the first PRODAC data capture in September 2009. The report provides a snap shot of Commonwealth property prior to the establishment of the Commonwealth Property Management Framework and is the baseline from which improvements to property management can be made over time. The Report can be accessed via the following link: http://www.finance.gov.au/property/property/property-data-collection.html.</p> <p>AusTender, the Australian Government's procurement information system provides centralised publication of Australian Government business opportunities, annual procurement plans, multi-use lists and leasing contracts awarded. AusTender information can be accessed via the following link: www.tenders.gov.au.</p>
Australian Electoral Commission	Refer to response provided by Finance.
ComSuper	Refer to response provided by Finance.
Commonwealth Superannuation Corporation	Nil. (This response does not include property assets in which CSC invests as part of the superannuation schemes of which it is trustee.)
Future Fund Management Agency	Refer to response provided by Finance.