

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS
ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT

Corporate

Question No. 178

Senator Ludwig asked the following question at the hearing on 24 February 2014:

1) What has been the total cost of building leases for the agency / department since September 7, 2013?

i. 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.

ii. Please provide a detailed list of each building that had a lease that was not renewed since September 7, 2013. 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.

iii. 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.

iv. 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.

The answer to the honourable senator's question is as follows:

- 1) The total cost of building leases in financial year 2013/2014 is \$19,090,079.74.
 - i. Attached 'Spreadsheet A' shows properties currently leased by the Attorney-General's Department.
 - ii. The Attorney-General's Department did not have any properties that were not renewed since 7 September 2013.
 - iii. Attached 'Spreadsheet B' shows properties that are expected to be leased in the next 12 months.
 - iv. Attached 'Spreadsheet C' shows current occupancy rates for all of Attorney-General's Department's buildings, both leased and owned.

Spreadsheet A

Building	Location	Lease Start	Lease End	Renew Lease Y/N	Lease Cost Per Annum ¹	Functions & Work Undertaken
University of Canberra, Innovations Centre	LG, Building 23, University Drive South Bruce, ACT	15/05/2004	14/05/2016	-	\$289,152.97	Data Centre & Office
NOC	24 Wormald Street Symonston, ACT	01/09/2007	31/08/2017	-	\$1,846,204.79	Data Centre & Office
Robert Garran Offices	3-5 National Circuit Barton, ACT	06/04/2009	05/04/2024	-	\$9,184,974.50	Office
4 National	L1-3, 4 National Circuit Barton, ACT	27/08/2012	26/08/2027	-	\$4,345,864.02	Office
Edmond Barton Building	L1, Basement, Cnr Macquarie & Kings Ave, Barton, ACT	15/08/2009	14/07/2025	-	\$1,009,691.32	Office
Coronation Drive	Suite 1101, L11, 301 Coronation Drive Milton, QLD	01/07/2010	30/06/2014	-	\$165,580.80	Office
Classifications	23-33 Mary Street Surry Hills, NSW	15/05/1999	15/05/2014	Yes	\$1,078,762.07	Office
Pitt Street	Suite 1702, L17, 155 Pitt Street Sydney, NSW	01/08/2008	31/07/2018	-	\$188,726.55	Retired Chief Justices
Castlereagh Street	Suite 302, L3, 1 Castlereagh Street Sydney, NSW	15/06/2003	04/06/2014	Yes	\$91,225.99	Retired Chief Justices
Piccadilly Tower	133 Castlereagh Street Sydney, NSW	01/07/2006	30/06/2017	-	\$80,984.80	Retired Chief Justices
Australian Emergency Management Institute	601 Mt Macedon Road Mt Macedon, VIC	01/01/2004	Note 2	Note 2	\$463,709.63	Training Facility, Accommodation & Office
Artbank – Melbourne	845 High Street Armadale, VIC	01/07/2011	01/07/2014	Yes	\$132,760.00	Gallery & Office
Artbank - Sydney	50C Rosebery Avenue Rosebery, NSW	-	30/06/2014	No - Relocating	-	Gallery & Office
Arts – FaHCSIA	Adelaide, SA	01/01/2012	Nil	-	\$94,131.65	Office

Arts - DeSEWPaC	L15, 37 St Georges Terrace Perth, WA	01/08/2011	31/12/2015	-	\$118,310.65	Office
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1 - Figures taken from 2013/2014 Financial Year

2 - Mt Macedon's lease has not been finalised

Spreadsheet B

Building	Location	Lease Start	Lease End	Lease Cost Per Annum¹	Cost Budgeted For	Functions & Work Undertaken
Artbank - Sydney	U1/ 198-222 Young Street Waterloo, NSW	01/12/2013	30/11/2023	\$225,000	-	Gallery & Office
Market Street	55 Market Street Sydney, NSW	01/04/2014	31/03/2015	\$651,015	-	Office

Spreadsheet C

Building	Location	Occupancy Rate	Use of remaining space
University of Canberra, Innovations Centre	LG, Building 23, University Drive South Bruce, ACT	N/A	Data Centre
NOC	24 Wormald Street Symonston, ACT	81%	To accommodate taskforces and other short term projects as they arise
Robert Garran Offices	3-5 National Circuit Barton, ACT	90%	To accommodate taskforces and other short term projects as they arise
4 National	L1-3, 4 National Circuit Barton, ACT	94%	To accommodate taskforces and other short term projects as they arise
Edmond Barton Building	Cnr Macquarie & Kings Ave, Barton, ACT	93%	To accommodate taskforces and other short term projects as they arise
Coronation Drive	Suite 1101, L11, 301 Coronation Drive Milton, QLD	100%	-
Classifications	23-33 Mary Street Surry Hills, NSW	93%	To accommodate taskforces and other short term projects as they arise
Pitt Street	Suite 1702, L17, 155 Pitt Street Sydney, NSW	100%	-
Castlereagh Street	Suite 302, L3, 1 Castlereagh Street Sydney, NSW	100%	-
Piccadilly Tower	133 Castlereagh Street Sydney, NSW	100%	-
Australian Emergency Management Institute	601 Mt Macedon Road Mt Macedon, VIC	86%	The Australian Management Institute is a training facility. It has 65 work points available for staff of which 56 are occupied and 9 are unoccupied.
Artbank – Melbourne	845 High Street Armadale, VIC	100%	
Artbank - Sydney	50C Rosebery Avenue Rosebery, NSW	100%	
State Circle	71 State Circuit Yarralumla, ACT	92%	71 State Circle is a training facility. It has 12 work points available for staff of which 11 are occupied and 1 is unoccupied.

Building	Location	Occupancy Rate	Use of remaining space
Arts - FaHCSIA	Adelaide, SA	100%	-
Arts - DeSEWPaC	L15, 37 St Georges Terrace Perth, WA	100%	-