

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**FAMILIES, HOUSING, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND**  
**INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS PORTFOLIO**  
**2011-12 Budget Estimates Hearings**

**Outcome Number:** Cross

**Question No:** 401

**Topic:** Workpoint Space

**Hansard Page:** Written

**Senator** Boyce asked:

For each portfolio department and agency office please list the occupied workpoint space allocated per person.

Does this adhere to the Government's Commonwealth Property Management Guidelines (the Guidelines)? Explain.

If yes, please explain if any refurbishment was required to meet the Guidelines and what the costs were.

**Answer:**

Details of FaHCSIA's space allocation per occupied workpoints are available on page 43 of the Australian Government Office Occupancy Report 2009.

<http://www.finance.gov.au/property/property/property-data-collection.html>

In 2009, FaHCSIA's occupational density was higher than the target; however, a refurbishment at our largest site at Tuggeranong Office Park has since achieved an occupational density of 15.78m<sup>2</sup>. As required by the Guidelines, FaHCSIA has regard to the occupational density target of 16m<sup>2</sup> when entering into new lease commitments or undertaking major fit-outs for existing office accommodation.

Several of FaHCSIA's portfolio departments are FMA agencies however none of these occupy sites that exceed the minimum 500 m<sup>2</sup> reporting threshold.