

**Senate Standing Committee on Economics**

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**Question: AET 620-624**

**Topic: Building Lease Costs - AOFM**

**Written: 5 March 2014**

**Senator LUDWIG asked:**

620. What has been the total cost of building leases for the agency / department since September 7, 2013?
621. Please provide a detailed list of each building that is currently leased. Please detail by:
- Date the lease agreement is active from.
  - Date the lease agreement ends.
  - Is the lease expected to be renewed? If not, why not?
  - Location of the building (City and state).
  - Cost of the lease.
  - Why the building is necessary for the operations of the agency / department.
622. Please provide a detailed list of each building that had a lease that was not renewed since September 7, 2013. Please detail by:
- Date from which the lease agreement was active.
  - Date the lease agreement ended.
  - Why was the lease not renewed?
  - Location of the building (City and state).
  - Cost of the lease.
  - Why the building was necessary for the operations of the agency / department.
623. Please provide a detailed list of each building that is expected to be leased in the next 12 months. Please detail by:
- Date the lease agreement is expected to become active.
  - Date the lease agreement is expected to end.
  - Expected location of the building (City and state).
  - Expected cost of the lease.
  - Has this cost been allocated into the budget?
  - Why the building is necessary for the operations of the agency / department.
624. For each building owned or leased by the department:
- What is the current occupancy rate for the building?

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b. If the rate is less than 100%, detail what the remaining being used for.

**Answer:**

620. The AOFM spent \$144,171 in relation to its building lease from 7 September 2013 to 5 March 2014.
- 621.
- a. The AOFM's current lease agreement was active from 22 December 2000.
  - b. The AOFM's current lease agreement expires on 21 December 2015.
  - c. At this stage, the AOFM expects to renew its lease agreement upon expiration in 2015.
  - d. Canberra, ACT.
  - e. As at 31 December 2013 the estimated cost of the building lease over its entire life is \$4,832,070.
  - f. The building currently occupied by the AOFM provides office space for its operations.
622. Nil.
623. The AOFM does not expect to lease any new buildings in the next 12 months.
624. The AOFM leases 779.3m<sup>2</sup> of office accommodation within the Treasury Building. This is a sub-lease arrangement with the Department of Treasury. We are unable to advise on the occupancy rate for the building.