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Senate Economics Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Industry, Tourism and Resources Portfolio
Budget Estimates 2004-2005, 31 May 2004 to 2 June 2004

AGENCY/DEPARTMENT: GEOSCIENCE AUSTRALIA
TOPIC: SALE PRICE AND RENTAL RATES OF BUILDING OCCUPIED BY
GEOSCIENCE AUSTRALIA
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QUESTION No.24
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Senator Carr asked about:

The Commonwealth accepted a price for the [Symonston] building that [Geoscience Australia] occupied some \$5.6 million less than it should have, according to the audit report. The initial rentals paid exceeded market values by 17 per cent. They are in the audit report concerning this agency, and I think you can confirm whether or not the audit report said these things about your operations ... You can take it on notice, can't you?

ANSWER

All matters relating to the sale of the Symonston building are the responsibility of the Department of Finance and Administration. Therefore, this is a question best directed to the Minister for Finance and Administration or his Department.