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ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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AGENCY/DEPARTMENT: INNOVATION, INDUSTRY, SCIENCE & RESEARCH

TOPIC: Workpoint space

REFERENCE: Written question-Senator Abetz

QUESTION No.: BI-68

- 1) For each portfolio department and agency office please list the occupied workpoint space allocated per person.
- 2) Does this adhere to the Government's Commonwealth Property Management Guidelines (the Guidelines)? Explain:
 - I. If yes, please explain if any refurbishment was required to meet the Guidelines and what the costs were.
 - a. What savings did each portfolio department and agency achieve by meeting the Guidelines? Please itemise each portfolio department and agency separately.
 - b. How much of these savings has each portfolio department and agency kept? Please itemise each portfolio department and agency separately.
 - II. If no, please give details why it does not, including whether an exemption has been received by the Finance Minister.
 - a. What funding has been taken from each portfolio department and agency because they do not meet the Guidelines? Please itemise each portfolio department and agency separately.
 - b. Are there plans to meet the Guidelines? Please explain.

ANSWER

DEPARTMENT OF INNOVATION, INDUSTRY, SCIENCE AND RESEARCH (DIISR)

- 1) As at March 2011, IISR's workpoint space allocation is 17.15 m2 per occupied workpoint (PRODAC submission).
- 2) No, DIISR's allocation of 17.15 m2 per occupied workpoint is outside the guidelines.

At the expiry of each lease, DIISR undertakes a review to determine the feasibility of relocation or refurbishment to meet the Commonwealth Property Management Guidelines. An exemption has not been sought from the Finance Minister.

a. The funding taken from IISR is outlined in the table below:

2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
0	-34,402	-68,802	-68,802	-72,575	-109,946	-162,265	-346,318

2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
-816,874	-816,874	-816,874	-874,870	-982,608	-1,026,425	-1,026,425	-1,026,425

2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31
-1,026,425	-1,026,425	-1,026,425	-1,026,425	-1,026,425

- b. At the expiry of each lease, DIISR undertakes a review to determine the feasibility of relocation or refurbishment to meet the Commonwealth Property Management Guidelines.

AUSTRALIAN INSTITUTE OF MARINE SCIENCE (AIMS)

AIMS is a CAC Act research agency with various specialised work spaces including laboratories that are covered by Safety Standards. The guidelines do not apply to CAC bodies.

IP AUSTRALIA

- 1) As at March 2011, IP Australia's workpoint space allocation is 19.3m² per occupied workpoint.
- 2) No
 - II. No exemption has been given. The occupied workpoint space in the last published report was below the whole of government median.
 - a. Nil
 - b. At the expiry of each lease, reviews to determine the feasibility of relocation or refurbishment to meet the Commonwealth Property Management Guidelines will be undertaken.

AUSTRALIAN RESEARCH COUNCIL (ARC)

- 1) As at March 2011, the ARC's workpoint space allocation is 19.5 m² per occupied workpoint.
- 2) No, due to the ARC budget restraints agency recruitment has been slowed. An exemption has not been approved by the Finance Minister.
 - a. No funding has been taken.
 - b. At the expiry of each lease, reviews to determine the feasibility of relocation or refurbishment to meet the Commonwealth Property Management Guidelines will be undertaken.

THE COMMONWEALTH SCIENTIFIC AND INDUSTRIAL RESEARCH ORGANISATION (CSIRO)

- 1) CSIRO comprises a high proportion of specialised facilities of which offices form a part. A work point space per person varies across the types of research facilities being used, although a standard set of accommodation guidelines exist for the allocation of office space, depending on work responsibilities.
- 2) No. Under Section 3.2 of the Guidelines CSIRO is exempt as it is a CAC Act agency.
 - (I) Not applicable
 - (II) (a) Nil
 - (b) CSIRO has and will continue to drive efficiencies in its space allocations. CSIRO uses the Guidelines for guidance in its own space planning and management

AUSTRALIAN NUCLEAR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY ORGANISATION (ANSTO)

ANSTO is a CAC Act research agency with various specialised work spaces including laboratories that are covered by Safety Standards. The guidelines do not apply to CAC bodies.

AUSTRALIAN INSTITUTE OF ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER STUDIES (AIATSIS)

AIATSIS as a CAC Act agency, is not subject to the Guidelines. However, the Institute follows the policy principles.

In relation to Work Point Space, the Institute has not achieved any savings. Currently open exhibition areas are being turned into office space in order to support transient staffing levels.