

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment - Education

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE Additional Estimates 2013-2014

Cross Portfolio

Department of Education Question No. ED0323_14

Senator Ludwig provided in writing.

Question

Dept/Ag - Land costs

1. How much land (if any) does the Department or agencies or authorities or Government corporation within each portfolio own or lease? 2. Please list by each individual land holding, the size of the piece of land, the location of that piece of land and the latest valuation of that piece of land, where that land is owned or leased by the Department, or agency or authority or Government Corporation within that portfolio? (In regards to this question please ignore land upon which Australian Defence force bases are located. Non Defence Force base land is to be included) 3. List the current assets, items or purse (buildings, facilities or other) on the land identified above. a. What is the current occupancy level and occupant of the items identified in (3)? b. What is the value of the items identified in (3)? c. What contractual or other arrangements are in place for the items identified in (3)? 4. How many buildings (if any) does the Department or agencies or authorities or Government Corporation within each portfolio own or lease? a. Please list by each building owned, its name, the size of the building in terms of square metres, the location of that of that building and the latest valuation of that building, where that building is owned by the Department, or agency or authority or Government corporation within that portfolio? (In regards to this question please ignore buildings that are situated on Australian Defence force bases. Non Defence Force base buildings are to be included). 5. In regards to any building identified in Q4, please also detail, the occupancy rate as expressed as a percentage of the building size. If occupancy is identified as less than 100%, for what is the remaining space used?

Answer

DEPARTMENT

Arrangements between the Department of Education, and the Departments of Employment, Social Services and Prime Minister and Cabinet to settle accommodation for their employees, following Machinery of Government changes are being finalised. Accordingly, it is not possible to attribute building lease costs to the Department of Education at this stage.

Please refer to previous question [EW0037_14](#) for details of leases held by the former DEEWR and its agencies.

AGENCY

Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority

- 1, 2 & 3. ACARA does not own or lease any land.
4 & 5. Refer to question on notice ED0333_14 for details on building lease costs.

Australian Institute for Teaching and School Leadership

- 1, 2 & 3. Nil.
- 4 & 5. Refer to question on notice ED0333_14 for details on building lease costs.

The Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies

- 1, 2 & 3. Nil
- 4. Two buildings - the AIATSIS building (owned) and Limestone Cottage (leased). Also refer to ED0333_14 for further details.
 - a. AIATSIS Building, 4500 SQM, 51 Lawson Crescent Acton, Block 4 Section 55. As at 30/6/13 the AIATSIS building was valued at \$11,666,642.
- 5. Occupancy rate for both buildings is 100%. However, as AIATSIS is a collecting institution and archive, we note that about 50% of the floor area of the AIATSIS building is dedicated to technical areas, climate controlled storage vaults and the public library.

Australian Research Council

- 1, 2 & 3. Nil.
- 4 & 5. Refer to question on notice ED0333_14 for details on building lease costs.

Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency

- 1, 2 & 3. NIL as TEQSA does not own or lease any land.
- 4 & 5. Refer to question on notice ED0333_14 for details on building lease costs.