

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE Additional Estimates 2013-2014

Cross Portfolio

Department of Employment Question No. EM0366_14

Senator Ludwig provided in writing.

Question

Building Lease Costs

What has been the total cost of building leases for the agency / department since September 7, 2013? a. Please provide a detailed list of each building that is currently leased. Please detail by: i. Date the lease agreement is active from. ii. Date the lease agreement ends. iii. Is the lease expected to be renewed? If not, why not? iv. Location of the building (City and state). v. Cost of the lease. vi. Why the building is necessary for the operations of the agency / department. b. 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. ii. Date the lease agreement ended. iii. Why was the lease not renewed? iv. Location of the building (City and state). v. Cost of the lease. vi. Why the building was necessary for the operations of the agency / department. c. Please provide a detailed list of each building that is expected to be leased in the next 12 months. Please detail by: i. Date the lease agreement is expected to become active. ii. Date the lease agreement is expected to end. iii. Expected location of the building (City and state). v. Expected cost of the lease. 2. Has this cost been allocated into the budget? v. Why the building is necessary for the operations of the agency / department. d. For each building owned or leased by the department: i. What is the current occupancy rate for the building? ii. If the rate is less than 100%, detail what the remaining being used for.

Answer

Staff in the Department of Employment are accommodated in properties leased by the former DEEWR. Arrangements between the Department of Employment, and the Departments of Education, 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 Employment at this stage.

Please refer to previous question EW0037_14 for details of leases held by the former DEEWR and its agencies.