

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Additional Estimates 2013-2014**

Agency - Fair Work Building & Construction

Department of Employment Question No. EM0369_14

Senator Ludwig provided in writing.

Question

FWBC - 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:
 - i. 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).
 - iv. 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

No leases have expired since 7 September 2013. See table below for full details for FWBC lease agreements.

FWBC is currently looking at options for the Brisbane office where the lease is due to expire on 30 November 2014. A new lease agreement is expected to be active by 1 December 2014 at an estimated cost of \$354 000. It will be located in the Brisbane CBD for the purpose of providing a location for Queensland State office of FWBC. No end date has been determined as the lease agreement has not been arranged.

Location		State	Leased From	Leased To	Area m2	Rent Cost	Occupancy rate %	Reason
553 St Kilda Rd, Melbourne	L	VIC	01-Oct-05	30-Sep-15	3,075	\$450,102	74%	balance sub-let to external party
250 Elizabeth St, Sydney	L	NSW	01-Dec-05	30-Nov-15	1,770	\$268,345	82%	balance sub-let to FWO
140 St Georges Tce, Perth	M	WA	01-Dec-05	30-Nov-15	1,055	\$231,926	97%	balance sub-let to FWO and other agency
200 Mary St, Brisbane	M	QLD	01-Oct-11	14-Nov-14	400	\$180,174	100%	
148 Frome St, Adelaide	M	SA	01-Sep-12	31-Aug-17	300	\$78,387	100%	
208 Bunda St, Canberra	M	ACT	01-Feb-11	30-Jun-16	30	\$0	100%	
47 Mitchell St, Darwin	M	NT	01-Jun-11	31-Jan-16	20	\$0	100%	
142-146 Elizabeth St, Hobart	M	TAS	01-Jun-11	31-Mar-16	23	\$0	100%	
<i>L leased by FWBC</i>								
<i>M occupied via MOU with FWO and leased by FWO</i>								