

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

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

Agency - Safe Work Australia

Department of Employment Question No. EM0372_14

Senator Ludwig provided in writing.

Question

SWA - Building Lease Costs

1. 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 space is being used for.

Answer

1. The total cost of building leases for Safe Work Australia for the period 7 September 2013 to 28 February 2014 was \$532 371 including GST.
1. a. Safe Work Australia leases a single property:
 - i. The lease agreement is active from 1 October 2010.
 - ii. The lease agreement ends 30 September 2015.
 - iii. There has been no decision on whether to extend the lease beyond 1 October 2015 although there is an option for a further two years.
 - iv. Safe Work Australia currently leases Levels 2 and 3 of 220 Northbourne Avenue Braddon ACT 2601.
 - v. The total cost of the lease is \$5 213 964.
 - vi. The building houses the entire agency.
1. b. Safe Work Australia leases a single property as detailed above.
1. c. Safe Work Australia will not lease additional buildings in the next 12 months.
2. Safe Work Australia has previously recognised the total lease commitment of \$5 213 964. The cost of the lease has been factored into the budget for both current and future years.
2. d. Safe Work Australia leases two floors and these are fully occupied.