

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

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

Agency - Workplace Gender Equality Agency

Department of Employment Question No. EM0373_14

Senator Ludwig provided in writing.

Question

WGEA - 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?
 - i. 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

1. The total rental under the lease held by the Workplace Gender Equality Agency (WGEA) from 7 September 2013 to 28 February 2014 is \$173 586.
 - a)
 - i. The lease agreement is active from 1 January 2013.

- ii. The lease agreement ends on 31 December 2017.
 - iii. The existing lease agreement does not include an option to renew but WGEA expects it will seek to negotiate a new lease of the current premises closer to the end date.
 - iv. The leased premises are located in Sydney, NSW.
 - v. The total rental under the lease for the 5 year term is \$1,897,719.70.
 - vi. The leased premises are the sole premises from which WGEA operates.
- b) Since 7 September 2013, WGEA has not had a lease that was not renewed.
- c) WGEA does not expect to enter into a new lease in the next 12 months.
2. Yes.
- i. The leased premises are the sole premises from which WGEA operates.
- d)
- i. The current occupancy rate for this lease is 100%.
 - ii. Not applicable.