

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**ADDITIONAL BUDGET ESTIMATES 2010-2011**

**Finance and Deregulation Portfolio**

**Department: Finance and Deregulation**  
**Outcome/Program 2/2.2**  
**Topic: Government Owned Properties**

**Senator: Cormann**

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**Question:**

I am looking for how many government owned properties are currently empty across Australia and across Canberra, the location, and reasons why they are empty.

**Answer:**

The Department of Finance and Deregulation is responsible for the non-Defence domestic property portfolio. The Department of Defence and the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade also manage property portfolios on behalf of the government and some agencies also manage buildings within their portfolio responsibilities.

The vast majority, in the order of 95%, of the office accommodation space occupied by the Federal Government is leased and not owned.

Property decisions are devolved to each agency head and therefore the Department of Finance and Deregulation can only respond to this question about owned vacant properties in relation to the non-Defence domestic property portfolio that it manages.

There are currently two properties in the non-Defence domestic property portfolio that are empty:

- ANZAC Park East which is in need of major refurbishment and is currently mothballed; and
- 60 Denison Street in Deakin which has recently been refurbished and has a lease signed with a Commonwealth tenant with a start date of 1 December 2011.