

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
—Additional Estimates Hearing—February 2013**

Answers to Questions on Notice

Parliamentary departments, Department of Parliamentary Services

Topic: **Office Locations**

Question: **142**

Written **Senator Ryan**

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Please provide a list of all office locations for all departments and agencies within the portfolio by:

- a. Department/Agency;
- b. Location;
- c. Leased or Owned;
- d. Size;
- e. Number of Staff at each location and classification;
- f. If rented, the amount and breakdown of rent per square metre;
- g. If owned, the value of the building;
- h. Depreciation of buildings that are owned;
- i. Type of functions and work undertaken.

Answer

- a) Department of Parliamentary Services.
- b) Parliament House, Canberra.
- c) Parliament House is a property owned by the Commonwealth. Section 6 of the *Parliamentary Precincts Act 1988* states that the Precincts are under the control and management of the Presiding Officers. DPS administers Parliament House on behalf of the Presiding Officers.
- d) The habitable space of Parliament House is 193,379.38m².
- e) The table below details the number of staff by classification employed by DPS in Parliament House at 31 December 2012. Note: this is a headcount, which is higher than FTE number.

Employee Classification	Number	Employee Classification	Number
Apprentice	1	PSL 5	60
PSL 1	21	PSL 5/6	58
PSL 1/2	141	PSL 6	101
PSL 1/2/3	5	PEL 1	116
PSL 2	75	PEL 2	39
PSL 2/3	31	SES Band 1	7
PSL 3	56	SES Band 2	1
PSL 4	104	Parliamentary Librarian	1
PSL 4/5	13	Secretary	1
		Total employee numbers	831

- f) DPS does not pay rent for the building.
- g) The value of the Land and Building was \$2.064 billion as at 31 December 2012.

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- h) The accumulated depreciation of the building as at 31 December 2012 was \$614 million.
- i) The role of DPS is to support the work of the Parliament, maintain Parliament House, and ensure that the building and parliamentary activity is accessible. DPS does this through the provision of broadcasting and Hansard services, information and research services, security, visitor services, building and landscaping maintenance and ICT systems, and through the contracting of various services across Parliament House.