

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS
ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT

Program All

Question No. 102

Senator Birmingham asked the following question at the hearing on 25 May 2010:

Buildings' efficiency:

Please list every building occupied by the Department, noting for each whether an energy efficiency audit has been undertaken.

Where an audit has been undertaken, please indicate:

- a. What rating was achieved and
- b. What action has been taken to improve energy efficiency as a result of any audit undertaken?

The answer to the honourable senator's question is as follows:

Note for all buildings: The Department recently completed an Environmental Management System (EMS) which is a plan to manage building environmental performance including energy efficiency and water usage and other waste management issues for all buildings it occupies. An important contribution to the development and ongoing success of the system is input received from the Department's 'Green Group'.

The Department also investigates and undertakes energy savings programs on an ongoing basis such as the management of afterhours lighting and sensor activation of lighting. These initiatives continue to be introduced across the property portfolio, regardless of the size and audit & reporting requirements applicable to each building.

The ratings indicated below accord with the NABERS (National Australian Built Environment Rating System) scale with the highest achievable rating of 6. This is not always practicable for Government Departments and Agencies in view of the generally higher level security and communication requirements of the Protective Security Manual.

Building	Size (sqm)	Audit	Rating	Comment
3-5 National Cct Barton	20,000	Yes	4.5	This was the first Government Green Lease negotiated on a Commercial building in the world. The building & fitout will achieve better than 4.5 rating after its first year of operation.
Wormald St Symonston	4,720	Not complete		Interim report received indicates a rating of 4.5 will be achieved.

10 National Cct Barton	4,051.25	Not complete		New lease from July 2009. Older building that would expect a rating below 4.5. See general note.
40 Macquarie St Barton	3,656.8	No	N/A	Older building with lease commencement prior to energy audit requirements. See general note.
63 Denison St Deakin	1,776	No	N/A	Below size requirement for an audit. See general note.
University Dr Bruce	1,785	No	N/A	Below size requirement for an audit. See general note.
71 State Circle Yarralumla	460	No	N/A	Below size requirement for an audit. See general note.
Exchange Plaza Perth	307	No	N/A	Below size requirement for an audit. See general note.
601 Mt Macedon Rd Mt Macedon	N/A	No	N/A	Training facility. Below size requirement. Energy efficient lighting recently installed.
1 Castlereagh St Sydney	124.5	No	N/A	Below size requirement for an audit. See general note.
Pitt St Sydney	141.7	No	N/A	Below size requirement for an audit. See general note.
Piccadilly Tower Sydney	105	No	N/A	Below size requirement for an audit. See general note.

23-33 Mary St
Sydney

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No

N/A

Older building with lease commencement prior to energy audit requirements. See general note.