

GOVERNMENT LEASE AGREEMENTS — VACANT OFFICE SPACE

59. Hon SUE ELLERY to the Minister for Finance:

Which of the following offices leased by the government are still vacant and how much rent has been paid on each of these sites since 31 October 2011 —

- (a) suite 3, Landgate Building, South Node, Midland;
- (b) suite 1, level 17 St Martins Centre, 44 St Georges Terrace, Perth;
- (c) suite 1, ground floor, 88 Walters Drive, Osborne Park;
- (d) level 2, 1 Puccini Court, Stirling;
- (e) 140 William Street, Perth; and
- (f) 441 Murray Street, Perth?

Hon SIMON O'BRIEN replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of this question. The answer I have is in a tabular form, so at the conclusion of my verbal answer I will seek leave to have the table incorporated into *Hansard*. I can articulate the information quite easily, and I want to do that.

- (a) Suite 3 of Landgate Building, South Node, Midland is vacant and since 31 October 2011, \$42 480.79 has been paid.
- (b) Suite 1, level 17 St Martins Centre, 44 St Georges Terrace, Perth is vacant and the amount of rent paid has been \$69 701.13. That office has some sensitivities attached to it because of the nature of the operations of some of the neighbours.
- (c) The lease for suite 1, ground floor, 88 Walters Drive, Osborne Park was terminated on 31 December 2011 and the amount of rent paid since 31 October is \$8 176.20.
- (d) Level 2, 1 Puccini Court, Stirling is occupied. However, rent in the order of \$8 526.35 has been paid since 31 October 2011.
- (e)–(f) In respect of (e) and (f)—140 William Street, Perth and 441 Murray Street, Perth—they are both occupied and the fit-out and refurbishment is complete.

I add that this information relates to government office accommodation managed by the Department of Finance's Building Management and Works. These vacancies have previously been notified through question on notice 6801 asked in the Legislative Assembly. I thought the question was familiar, and it is familiar because there is one property missing from this list that was on the other list. I would like to know why the Leader of the Opposition has not asked me about that other property, because otherwise the lists are the same. Just in case it is an oversight, I will give members the answer. What is missing from the current list is shop 13/13A of the Landsdale Forum Shopping Centre. That was meant to be the electorate office of a new Labor member of Parliament. However, for reasons unknown to us—although there was an insistence that the office be obtained—it was then not occupied, despite initial indications. As a result, these premises stayed vacant for 42 months at a cost to the taxpayer of \$214 341.62. The only good thing I can tell members about that is that the lease was finally surrendered on 31 January 2012. The contrast between the earlier information requested and that last piece of information is certainly striking.

I seek leave to table the response and have it incorporated into *Hansard*.

Leave granted. [See paper 4314.]

The following material was incorporated —

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	Government Offices	(1)	(2) Since 31 Oct 2011
a	Suite 3, Landgate Building, South Node, Midland	Vacant	\$42,480.79
b	Suite 1, Level 17, St Martin's Tower, 44 St Georges Terrace Perth	Vacant	\$69,701.13
c	Suite 1, Ground floor 88 Walters Drive, Osborne Park	Lease terminated 31 December 2011	\$8,126.20

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d	Level 2, 1 Puccini Court Stirling	Occupied	\$8,526.35
e	140 William Street Perth	Occupied Fitout/Refurbishment complete	N/A
f	441 Murray Street Perth	Occupied Fitout/Refurbishment complete	N/A