

**Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications**

**Answers to Senate Estimates Questions on Notice**

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**Communications Portfolio**

**Australian Communications and Media Authority**

**Question No: 43**

**Program No. Australian Communications and Media Authority (ACMA)**

**Hansard Ref: In Writing**

**Topic: Land Costs**

**Senator Ludwig asked:**

1. How much land (if any) does the Department or Agencies or authorities or Government corporation within each portfolio own or lease?
2. Please list by each individual land holding, the size of the piece of land, the location of that piece of land and the latest valuation of that piece of land, where that land is owned or leased by the Department, or agency or authority or Government Corporation within that portfolio? (*In regards to this question please ignore land upon which Australian Defence force bases are located. Non Defence Force base land is to be included*)
3. List the current assets, items or purse (buildings, facilities or other) on the land identified above.
  - a. What is the current occupancy level and occupant of the items identified in (3)?
  - b. What is the value of the items identified in (3)?
  - c. What contractual or other arrangements are in place for the items identified in (3)?
4. How many buildings (if any) does the Department or Agencies or authorities or Government Corporation within each portfolio own or lease?
5. Please list by each building owned, its name, the size of the building in terms of square metres, the location of that of that building and the latest valuation of that building, where that building is owned by the Department, or Agency or Authority or Government corporation within that portfolio? (*In regards to this question please ignore buildings that are situated on Australian Defence force bases. Non Defence Force base buildings are to be included*).
6. In regards to any building identified in Q4, please also detail, the occupancy rate as expressed as a percentage of the building size. If occupancy is identified as less than 100%, for what is the remaining space used?

**Answer:**

1. The ACMA owns or leases 17 land holdings across Australia.
2. The ACMA's land holdings are:

| <b>Name</b>   | <b>Size in hectares</b> | <b>Location</b>                | <b>Owned or Leased</b> | <b>Land Value</b> | <b>Asset Value</b> |
|---------------|-------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| Quoin Ridge   | 50.6                    | Richmond TAS                   | Owned                  | 0.175m            | 0.360m             |
| South Morang  | 5                       | McArthurs Rd, South Morang VIC | Owned                  | 0.475m            | 0.192m             |
| Lucas Heights | < 1                     | Lucas Heights NSW              | Leased                 | N/A               | 0.035m             |
| Warrimoo      | < 1                     | Victoria St, Warrimoo NSW      | Leased                 | N/A               | 0.040m             |

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|-----------------|-------|--|----------|--------|---------|
| Beechmont       | < 1   | Beechmont Rd, Beechmont, QLD                         | Leased   | N/A    | 0.071m  |
| Capalaba        | 62.38 | Old Cleveland Rd, Birkdale, QLD                      | Owned    | \$6.0m | 0.118m  |
| Slade Point     | < 1   | 2 Albatross St, Slade Point QLD                      | Leased   | N/A    | 0.050m  |
| Maleny          | < 1   | Montville Rd, Maleny, QLD                            | Leased   | N/A    | 0.045m  |
| Brooklyn Park   | < 1   | Airport Rd, Adelaide ,SA                             | Owned    | 0.2m   | 0.080m  |
| Goosbury Hill   | < 1   | Graham Road, Gooseberry Hill WA                      | Leased   | N/A    | 0.030m  |
| Bullsbrook      | 4     | RAAF Pearce, 3 TU, Bullsbrook WA                     | Leased   | N/A    | 0.027m  |
| Garden Island   | < 1   | HMAS Stirling, North End, Garden Island WA           | Leased   | N/A    | 0.007m  |
| Cox Peninsula   | 200   | Cox Peninsula NT                                     | Owned(*) | 0.0m   | 0.079m  |
| Fingerpost Hill | < 1   | Table Cape Rd, Table Cape, TAS                       | Leased   | N/A    | 0.040m  |
| Flat Top Range  | < 1   | Resources Reserve, Rockhampton                       | Leased   | N/A    | 0.052m  |
| Childers        | < 1   | Corner of Goodwood Road & Bruce Highway Childers QLD | Leased   | N/A    | 0.026m  |
| Torrens Island  | 1.25  | Torrens Island, SA                                   | Leased   | N/A    | 0.0012m |

(\*)The ACMA is currently working with Finance to transfer the land title of Cox Peninsula in line with the Kenbi Land Claim and have not undertaken a land valuation.

3. The assets and items of land identified in Question 2 are used to undertake spectrum monitoring and investigate interference. Each site consists of a small structure used to accommodate technical equipment and aerials.
  - a. The Quoin Ridge site is operated by one employee. All other sites are designed to operate without a permanent presence and accessed for maintenance and upgrades only.
  - b. Please refer to the table above for Question 2.
  - c. Leased and owned.
4. The ACMA owns two buildings, one located at Quoin Ridge Tasmania and the second at Capalaba Queensland. The buildings house specialised equipment that is utilised by technical staff when on site.
5. The ACMA owns five technical sites across Australia. These are:

| <b>Site Name</b> | <b>Size in square metres</b> | <b>Location</b>                 | <b>Building Valuation</b> |
|------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Quoin Ridge      | 275                          | Richmond TAS                    | 0.120m                    |
| South Morang     | 60                           | McArthurs Rd, South Morang VIC  | 0.175m                    |
| Capalaba         | 250                          | Old Cleveland Rd, Birkdale, QLD | 0.037m                    |
| Brooklyn Park    | 30                           | Airport Rd, Adelaide ,SA        | 0.036m                    |
| Cox Peninsula    | 10                           | Cox Peninsula NT                | 0.000m                    |

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6. The Quoin Ridge staff occupancy is one employee. The building was previously a major operational centre for the Post Master Generals Department manned 24hours per day seven days per week. The ACMA is the successor agency and continues to provide High Frequency Directional Finding services along with spectrum monitoring. All other sites are designed to operate unmanned.