

**Question on Notice  
No. 495  
Asked on 6 August 2013**

**MR PITT ASKED THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING AND PUBLIC WORKS (MR MANDER)—**

**QUESTION:**

With reference to page 31 of the Service Delivery Statement for Housing and Public Works where it details at footnotes 29 and 30 that there was a loss on the sale of seven government office buildings last financial year —

Will the Minister advise what the total loss was, detailed separately, for the Department of Housing and Public Works on the sale of seven government office buildings as flagged in the Service Delivery Statement?

**ANSWER:**

The sale of the properties to the Queensland Investment Corporation has allowed the State to pay down over half a billion dollars in debt and take another step in the fiscal repair task.

The variance (sale value less book value) of the seven government office properties sold to Queensland Investment Corporation are outlined in the table below.

These valuations assumed that there would be long term State Government leases on these buildings. The actual final lease terms for the sales transaction ranged from short term to long term and these lease terms would have influenced the valuations and the final sale figure.

Savings to Government in excess of \$24 million per annum will be made as maintenance costs, depreciation allowances and interest on loans will no longer be required to be paid.

| <b>Property</b>                                | <b>Variance to book value</b> |
|------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 33 Charlotte Street                            | \$15.874                      |
| 111 George Street                              | \$14.973                      |
| 63 George Street                               | \$10.309                      |
| 61 Mary Street                                 | \$47.586                      |
| Mineral House (41-59 George Street)            | \$55.989                      |
| Education House (30 Mary Street)               | \$45.177                      |
| Primary Industries Building (62-80 Ann Street) | \$36.394                      |
| <b>Total</b>                                   | <b>\$226.302 million</b>      |