

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**

**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO**

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**Question: E12-135**

**OUTCOME 0:** Whole of Portfolio

**Topic:** Electricity purchasing

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**Senator:** McKenzie

**Question:**

Provide an update of the department/agency electricity purchasing agreement. Provide details of when this was entered into and the length of the agreement. What were the department/agency electricity costs for 2009-10 and 2010-11? What are the department/agency electricity costs for this financial year to date?

**Answer:**

In the ACT and NSW the Department of Health and Ageing participates in the Whole of Government electricity supply contract which was established in July 2011. The Whole of Government contract expires in June 2015 and is managed by the Department of Defence.

The Department is currently reviewing the electricity supply arrangements for its other offices across Australia.

In 2010/11 the total cost for electricity consumed by the Department was approximately \$2.094m inclusive of GST.

2011/12 year-to-date expenditure on electricity is approximately \$2.075 million inclusive of GST.

Expenditure on electricity in 2009/10 is not readily available and would require an unreasonable diversion of resources.