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**Question: AET 972-973**

**Topic: Electricity Purchasing (ATO)**

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**Senator BUSHBY asked:**

972. What are the details of the department/agency electricity purchasing agreement?
973. What are the department/agency electricity costs for this financial year to date (22 February 2013)?

**Answer:**

972. The ATO has contractual agreements in place for sites where the ATO occupies more than 2,000 square metres. These agreements cover the provision of electricity.

Sites in Western Australian and the Northern Territory are not covered by contracts. In those sites, electricity is sourced by the building owner as per lease obligations.

The ATO's purchasing agreements are as follows:

<b>State</b>	<b>Contract</b>	<b>Date contract entered into</b>	<b>Period of contract</b>
ACT	Department of Defence Whole-of-government contract	1 July 2011	3 years
NSW	NSW Whole-of-government contract	1 July 2011	2 years
VIC	Origin Energy	1 July 2011	2 years
QLD	Origin Energy	1 July 2011	2 years
SA	Origin Energy	1 October 2012	13 Months
TAS	Aurora Energy	1 July 2011	2 years

973. In 2012-13 to 28 February 2013, electricity costs were \$5,470,345.