

Senate Standing Committee on Economics

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Treasury Portfolio

Supplementary Budget Estimates

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Question: SBT 1735-1738

Topic: Electricity - Treasury

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Senator MCKENZIE asked:

1735. For the financial year 2011-2012, how many kilowatt hour of electricity did the department/ agency consume?
- What was the total cost?
 - What does this cost work out to per employee?
1736. What increases in electricity costs has the Department/ agency experienced since the introduction of the carbon tax?
- How has this changed the Department/ agency's spending pattern?
 - What programs or services have been cut to meet the increased costs?
1738. What measures is the Department/ agency taking to reduce its electricity expenditure?
- When did these commence?
 - What impact have they had?

Answer:

1735. 2,215,160.36 kilowatt hours.
- \$475,946.
 - \$504.23 per employee for the 2011-12 financial year.
1736. The Treasury Building is not separately metered and therefore the Treasury is charged a percentage of total cost based on the square meterage occupied. The cost per kWh charged for the Treasury Building for YTD October 2012 is 7.23 cent compared to 5.97 cents for the same period in the 2011-12 financial year.
- The department is implementing a number of initiatives to improve energy management (see page 268 of the 2011-12 Treasury Annual report).
 - Increased costs are being met from within the department's overall budget allocation.
1738. The Treasury has undertaken a number of initiatives to reduce electricity consumption such as an Environment Management system in 2004 and an Environment Management Plan, which is reviewed annually. Details of these initiatives are published in the Treasury's Annual Reports.