

Senate Standing Committee on Economics

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Treasury Portfolio

Supplementary Budget Estimates

17 October – 18 October 2012

Question: SBT 1739-1741

Topic: Electricity (PC)

Written: Received from Committee – 26 October 2012

Senator MCKENZIE asked:

1739. 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?
1740. 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?
1741. What measures is the Department/ agency taking to reduce its electricity expenditure?
- When did these commence?
 - What impact have they had?

Answer:

1739. For 2011-2012 financial year, the Commission consumed 417,223 kilowatt hours of electricity.
- \$59,414(ex GST)
 - \$284.28 (ex GST)
1740. Increase in electricity costs due to the introduction of the carbon tax is not able to be determined from information supplied by the Commission's electricity retailers.
- 1741.
- The Commission moved to new office accommodation in Melbourne in June 2011, with reduced office space. There was a reduction in energy usage for 2011-12 financial year as a result of the new buildings energy performance standards, incorporation of better energy efficient measures in the Commission's tenancy, and the reduction in office space.
 - A reduction in kilowatt hour of electricity usage and cost.