

Senate Standing Committee on Economics

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Treasury Portfolio

Supplementary Budget Estimates

17 October – 18 October 2012

Question: SBT 1745-1747

Topic: Electricity (APRA)

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Senator MCKENZIE asked:

1745. 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?
1746. 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?
1747. What measures is the Department/ agency taking to reduce its electricity expenditure?
- When did these commence?
 - What impact have they had?

Answer:

1745. The Australian Prudential Regulation Authority (APRA) used 1,445,105 kWh over the financial year 2011-12.
- \$254,905
 - \$359.53
1746. Since the introduction of the carbon tax APRA has experienced a 20.8 per cent increase in costs
- There has been no change in APRA's spending pattern.
 - There has been no cut to existing services.
1747. a. In order to reduce electricity expenditure, APRA aims to maximise office floor space as and when the opportunity presents itself, by reducing the size of the offices where this is possible at the conclusion of leases, and by negotiating new energy contracts at the conclusion of existing contracts.
- Electricity costs have decreased by 26.4 per cent in APRA's Brisbane office and 77.6 per cent in APRA's Canberra office.