

Senate Standing Committee on Economics

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Treasury Portfolio

Supplementary Budget Estimates

17 October – 18 October 2012

Question: SBT 1748-1750

Topic: Electricity (ACCC)

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Senator MCKENZIE asked:

1748. 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?
1749. 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?
1750. What measures is the Department/ agency taking to reduce its electricity expenditure?
- When did these commence?
 - What impact have they had?

Answer:

1748. The ACCC consumed 1,383,525 KWh during 2011-12.
- \$317,410
 - \$393.32
- 1749 Total electricity increases in ACCC offices ranged from 10% in the ACT to 17% in NSW.
- The ACCC seeks to use more efficient services (such as lighting controls) and efficient appliances/equipment in order to reduce electricity usage.
 - No program or services have been cut as a result of increases in electricity charges.
- 1750 The ACCC is reducing energy costs whenever possible as part of its environmental policy. When equipment is purchased or new office accommodation selected, the energy rating is taken into account as part of the procurement. This includes more efficient lighting in office spaces.
- The environmental policy was launched in March 2012.
 - It is too early to see any noticeable change in the energy costs.