

**Senate Standing Committee on Economics**

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17 October – 18 October 2012

**Question: SBT 1754-1756**

**Topic: Electricity (CGC)**

**Written: Received from Committee – 26 October 2012**

**Senator MCKENZIE asked:**

1754. 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?
1755. 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?
1756. What measures is the Department/ agency taking to reduce its electricity expenditure?
- When did these commence?
  - What impact have they had?

**Answer:**

1754. 120,121KWH.

- \$24,321.90.
- \$737.03 per employee.

1755.

Charges	June 2012 Unit Price	July 2012 Unit Price	Increase %
Energy			
ACT Peak	5.7981 c/kWh	7.0881 c/kWh	22%
ACT Off peak	2.6098 c/kWh	2.7145 c/kWh	4%
Environmental			
LRECs	0.3431 c/kWh	0.4997 c/kWh	45%
Accredited Greenpower (10%)	0.5013 c/kWh	0.5412 c/kWh	8%
SRECs	0.9840 c/kWh	0.9840 c/kWh	Nil
Network			
040 Service Charge	30.710 c/Day	32.710 c/Day	6%
Rate 1	9.6400 c/kWh	10.4200 c/kWh	8%
Rate 2	12.6800 c/kWh	13.7200 c/kWh	8%
Market			
AEMO Ancillary Fee	0.0255 c/kWh	0.0269 c/kWh	6%

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AEMO Market Fee	0.0392 c/kWh	0.0395 c/kWh	1%
Metering & Other			
Meter Charge	730.35 \$/mtr/pa	730.35 \$/mtr/pa	Nil

- a. Electricity costs are out-stripping savings from usage reduction measures.
  - b. None.
1756. The Commission will continue to reduce electricity use by stringent controls on lighting, power to equipment not in use, after hours lighting systems, and heating and cooling systems.
- a. 2005.
  - b. Reduction in electricity use by 36%.