

Senate Standing Committee on Economics

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Question: SBT 1691-1693

Topic: Electricity Purchasing (ATO)

Written: Received from Committee – 26 October 2012

Senator BUSHBY asked:

1691. Provide details of any update of the department/agency electricity purchasing agreement if there has been a change since Budget Estimates 2011-12 (May 2012).

1692. What are the department/agency electricity costs for 2011-12?

1693. What are the department/agency electricity costs for this financial year to date?

Answer:

1691. The ATO has contractual agreements in place for sites where the ATO occupies more than 2,000 square metres. These agreements cover the provision of electricity.

Sites in Western Australian and the Northern Territory are not covered by contracts. In those sites, electricity is sourced by the building owner as per lease obligations.

The ATO's purchasing agreements are as follows:

State	Contract	Date contract entered into	Period of contract
ACT	Department of Defence Whole-of-government contract	1 July 2011	3 years
NSW	NSW Whole-of-government contract	1 July 2011	2 years
VIC	Origin Energy	1 July 2011	2 years
QLD	Origin Energy	1 July 2011	2 years
SA	Momentum Energy	1 January 2011*	2 years
TAS	Aurora Energy	1 July 2011	2 years

* Please note correction to date from that shown in May 2012 Budget Estimates Question on Notice BET 1303-1305. The date was incorrectly shown as 1 July 2011.

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	2011-12	Year to Date (to 31 October 2012)
ATO electricity costs	\$7,774,508	\$2,783,479