

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
BUDGET ESTIMATES (SUPPLEMENTARY HEARINGS) 2013-2014

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

Department/Agency: Office of the Commonwealth Ombudsman

Outcome/Program:

Outcome 1. Fair and accountable administrative action by Australian Government agencies by investigating complaints, reviewing administrative action and inspecting statutory compliance by law enforcement agencies.

Topic: Electricity Purchasing

Senator: Senator Ludwig

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Question:

- (1) What are the details of the department/agency electricity purchasing agreement?
- (2) What are the department/agency electricity costs from 7 September 2013 to date?

Answer:

- (1) The office has a number of electricity purchasing agreements. They are as follows:

Office	Supplier
Canberra	ActewAGL on a business plan rate
Sydney	Energy Australia
Melbourne	Origin Energy Electricity Ltd
Adelaide	Via Lessor - Colliers International (SA) Pty Ltd
Brisbane	Via Lessor - Department of Housing and Public Works
Perth	Via Lessor - Colliers International (WA) Pty Ltd

- (2) The financial management information system used by the Office can only provide this data on a monthly basis without an unreasonable diversion of resources. The Office's electricity costs year from 1 September 2013 to 30 November 2013 were \$17,294.01. This is broken down as follows:

Office	\$
Canberra	11,076.36
Sydney	3,224.99
Melbourne	1,925.32
Adelaide	1,080.31
Brisbane*	(780.58)
Perth	767.61
TOTAL	17,294.01

*Due to an overcharge in a previous financial year