

**Senate Standing Committee on Education Employment and Workplace
Relations**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Supplementary Budget Estimates 2012-2013**

Cross Portfolio

DEEWR Question No. EW0464_13

Senator Back provided in writing.

Question

Electricity costs

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). What are the department/agency electricity costs for 2011-12? What are the department/agency electricity costs for this financial year to date?

Answer

Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations (DEEWR)

There have been no changes to DEEWR's electricity purchasing agreements since May 2012. Electricity is supplied to ACT tenancies by ERM Business Energy under the Whole of Government Electricity Contract and electricity supply in the States and Northern Territory is through various local arrangements.

Total electricity costs for 2011-12 were \$1,951,531.

Total electricity payments recorded for this financial year are \$473 827.

Comcare

Yes. Comcare's electricity purchasing agreement has changed since May 2012. Prior to the relocation of the Canberra office, Comcare's agreement was with ERM Business Energy under the Whole of Government Electricity Contract. However, as part of the relocation to the new building Comcare were required to transfer providers to ACTEW AGL as ERM could not meet Comcare's requirement. ERM has recently advised that they can now meet Comcare's requirement meaning that Comcare will transfer back to ERM as the preferred provider in early 2013.

Total electricity costs for 2011-12 were \$289,563.

Total electricity payments recorded for this financial year are \$87,723.

Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA)

There has been no change to ACARA's electricity purchasing arrangements since May 2012.

Total electricity costs for 2011-12 were \$46,705.89.

Total electricity payments recorded for this financial year are \$20,833.78.

SQ12-001166

Safe Work Australia (SWA)

There has been no change to SWA's electricity purchasing arrangements since May 2012.

Total electricity costs for 2011-12 were \$40,800.

Total electricity payments recorded for this financial year are \$20,750.

Fair Work Ombudsman (FWO)

There has been no change to FWO's electricity purchasing arrangements since May 2012.

Total electricity costs for 2011-12 were \$449,205.

Total electricity payments recorded for this financial year are \$203,390.

Fair Work Building and Construction (FWBC)

There has been no change to FWBC's electricity purchasing arrangements since May 2012.

Total electricity costs for 2011-12 were \$73,030.01.

Total electricity payments recorded for this financial year are \$40,735.25.

Australian Institute for Teaching and School Leadership (AITSL)

There has been no change to AITSL's electricity purchasing arrangements since May 2012.

Total electricity costs for 2011-12 were \$17,635.32.

Total electricity payments recorded for this financial year are \$7,809.94.

Fair Work Australia (FWA)

There has been no change to FWA's electricity purchasing arrangements since May 2012.

Total electricity costs for 2011-12 were \$307,477.

Total electricity payments recorded for this financial year are \$105,510.