

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Supplementary Budget Estimates 2013-2014**

Cross Portfolio

Department of Education Question No. ED0116_14

Senator Ludwig provided in writing.

Question

Electricity Purchasing

a) What are the details of the department/agency electricity purchasing agreement? b) What are the department/agency electricity costs from 7 September 2013 to date?

Answer

The Department of Education was established on 18 September 2013. Previously the functions of the department were delivered by the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations (DEEWR).

Electricity is supplied primarily to ACT tenancies by ERM Business Energy under the Whole of Government Electricity Contract and electricity supply in the states and the Northern Territory is through various local arrangements.

Electricity costs are unable to be identified separately for the Department of Education. Total electricity costs from 7 September 2013 to 30 November 2013 for activities previously delivered by DEEWR are \$199 271.56.