

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 21 MAY 2012

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(BE12/0163) Program: Internal Product

Senator Humphries asked:

Portfolio wide: Electricity purchasing - Provide an update of the department/agency electricity purchasing agreement. Provide details of when this was entered into and the length of the agreement.

Answer:

DIAC:

The department has several contracts in place for the purchase of electricity.

All department sites in the ACT are on the Defence Whole of Government electricity contract which is in place from 1 July 2011 to 30 June 2015.

Department sites in NSW are all contracted with Energy Australia and are as follows:

- Lee St, Sydney – 1 January 2012 – 31 December 2014 (Large site contract)
- 300 Elizabeth St, Sydney – 1 January 2012 – 31 December 2014 (Small site contract)
- 9 Wentworth St, Parramatta – 1 January 2012 – 31 December 2014 (Small site contract)
- 111 Elizabeth St, Sydney – 1 January 2012 – 31 December 2014 (Small site contract)

Due to their small consumption, a number of other office sites in Australia have retail agreements with electricity providers. The remainder are in buildings with a single meter that cannot determine DIAC only electricity costs. In this latter case, the department is then recharged for department electricity consumption via the lease outgoing arrangements.

The Department has an agreement with the Detention Services Provider, Serco, to pay electricity costs for detention centres as a pass through cost under the Detention Services Contract. This agreement was entered into when the contract was executed in September 2009 and continues in force for the period of five years after the Commencement Date.

The department pays electricity costs to the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade for overseas posts.

MRT-RRT:

The MRT-RRT has two contracts for electricity. One contract with Energy Australia from 1/12/11 to 30/11/13 for the Sydney office and the other with AGL (Tru Australia) from 01/11/09 to 31/12/12 for the Melbourne office. We also pay electricity for other leased premises to the lessors as part of the lease agreement.