

Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee

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Human Services Portfolio

Topic: Electricity Purchasing

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Question:

- a) Provide an update of the department/agency electricity purchasing agreement. Provide details of when this was entered into and the length of the agreement.
- b) What were the department/agency electricity costs for 2009-10 and 2010-11?
- c) What are the department/agency electricity costs for this financial year to date?

Answer:

- a) The Department of Human Services has the following electricity purchasing agreements in place:
 - ERM Power Retail Pty Ltd – large market sites in the ACT. The contract commenced in July 2011 for a term of four years.
 - Momentum Energy Pty Ltd – large market sites in Queensland, New South Wales, South Australia and Victoria. The contract commenced in October 2011 for a term of four years.
 - TruEnergy – small market sites in Victoria, South Australia and Central Queensland. The contract commenced in March 2011 for a term of three years. A procurement process for small market sites in New South Wales is currently underway.
 - Aurora Energy – large market sites in Tasmania. The contract commenced in May 2012 for a term of three years.
 - Powerdirect Pty Ltd – small market sites in regional Queensland. The contract commenced in June 2012 for a term of 17 months.
 - The department is currently investigating contractual arrangements for Western Australian and Northern Territory sites.
- b) The 2009-10 electricity costs for the department were \$18,963,501 (GST exclusive). The 2010-11 electricity costs for the department were \$20,119,191 (GST exclusive).
- c) The 2011-12 year-to-date electricity costs as at 31 March 2012 were \$14,548,004 (GST exclusive).