Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee

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ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Human Services Portfolio

Topic: Impact of Carbon Price on Departmental Running Costs

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Question:

a) Has the department modelled the impact of the carbon tax on their running costs?

b) If so, what was the outcome?

c) If not, why, not?

d) How much electricity does the department use?

Answer:

a) The department sought independent analysis on the Carbon Pricing Mechanism (CPM) impact on energy expenditure in the department.

b) Stationary energy (electricity and gas) expenditure is currently forecast to be $17.1788 million or 102,423 tonnes of carbon emissions for 2011-12. The independent analysis showed that this expenditure is expected to increase by $2.362 million or 12.5 per cent in 2012-13. Additionally, the independent analysis showed that rental costs may increase by $1.3 million, or around 0.4 per cent of total property operating expenditure, as a result of the CPM.

c) Not applicable.

d) In 2010-11, the department consumed 115.4 GWh of electricity.