

Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee

SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES - 18 OCTOBER 2012 ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Human Services Portfolio

Topic: Electricity Purchasing

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Senator: Boyce

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Question:

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

Answer:

- a) An agreement was established with Powerdirect in June 2012 to supply small sites in regional Queensland. In August 2012, this agreement was terminated due to supply issues. The delivery of this service is now provided by Ergon Energy.
- b) DHS electricity costs for 2011-12 were \$21.021 million (ex GST).
- c) In 2012-13 (to 30 September 2012), DHS electricity costs are \$5.471 million (ex GST).