

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**FAMILIES, HOUSING, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND**  
**INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS PORTFOLIO**  
**2012-13 Supplementary Estimates Hearings**

**Outcome Number:** Cross Outcome

**Question No:** 477

**Topic:** Electricity Purchasing

**Hansard Page:** Written

**Senator McKenzie** asked:

What increases in electricity costs has the Department experienced since the introduction of the carbon tax? Have cost increases been in line with the indexation adjustment set by the Department of Finance and Regulation (refer QON #325)? Please provide detail.

**Answer:**

The Department has not experienced any increase in electricity costs in the period 1 July to 30 September 2012, compared to the same period in 2011.