

**Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications  
Legislation Committee**

Answers to questions on notice  
**Environment and Energy portfolio**

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**Senator Back asked:**

Is nationwide energy demand increasing or declining year to year?

**Answer:**

Australian primary energy consumption declined in 2012-13 and 2013-14, reflecting a fall in energy use for electricity generation and manufacturing. In 2014-15, energy consumption rose by 1 per cent to around 5,920 petajoules, supported by a rebound in coal use for electricity generation.

Further details are available in Department of Industry, Innovation and Science (2016), *Australian energy statistics*, <http://www.environment.gov.au/energy/publications/australian-energy-update-2016>