

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

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

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**Senator Chisholm, Anthony asked:**

Can you please outline what is being done to improve energy efficiency of Government buildings?

**Answer:**

1. The Energy Efficiency in Government Operations (EEGO) policy mandates that all Australian Government departments and agencies whose operations are substantially budget-dependent must:
  - a. Meet energy intensity portfolio targets for their office buildings of:
    - i. 7500 Mega Joules per person per annum for energy used for office building tenant light and power (mainly lighting and computer equipment)
    - ii. 400 Mega Joules per person per annum for energy used for office buildings central services (predominately air conditioning and lifts).
  - b. Achieve a National Australian Built Environment Rating System (NABERS) energy rating of at least 4.5 Stars out 6 Stars when leasing or completing a major refurbishment of an office space greater than 2,000 m<sup>2</sup>.
  - c. Report annually to their respective portfolio Minister on their energy use and progress toward the energy intensity targets.
  - d. Ensure all office equipment complies with the US EPA Energy Star standard and enable power management features at time of supply.
2. Further information on the EEGO policy is available at:  
<https://www.environment.gov.au/energy/efficiency/non-residential-buildings/government-buildings/eego>