

Senate Standing Committee on Economics

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Question: BET 1303-1305

Topic: Electricity purchasing (ATO)

Hansard Page: Written (13/6/12)

Senator BUSHBY asked:

1303. Provide an update of the department/agency electricity purchasing agreement. Provide details of when this was entered into and the length of the agreement.
1304. What were the department/agency electricity costs for 2009-10 and 2010-11?
1305. What are the department/agency electricity costs for this financial year to date?

Answer:

1303. The ATO has contractual agreements in place for sites where the ATO occupies more than 2,000 square metres. These agreements cover the provision of electricity.

Sites in Western Australian and the Northern Territory are not covered by contracts. In those sites, electricity is sourced by the building owner as per lease obligations.

The ATO's purchasing agreements are as follows:

State	Contract	Date contract entered into	Period of contract
ACT	Department of Defence Whole-of-government contract	1 July 2011	3 years
NSW	NSW Whole-of-government contract	1 July 2011	2 years
VIC	Origin Energy	1 July 2011	2 years
QLD	Origin Energy	1 July 2011	2 years
SA	Momentum Energy	1 July 2011	2 years
TAS	Aurora Energy	1 July 2011	2 years

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	2009-10	2010-11	Year to date - 1 July 2011 to 31 May 2012
ATO electricity costs	\$9,333,602	\$9,649,637	\$7,211,717