

**Senate Standing Committee on Economics**

**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**Treasury Portfolio**

**Budget Estimates**

29 May – 31 May 2012

**Question: BET 405-407**

**Topic: Modelling on the Impact of the Carbon Tax on Running Costs (PC)**

**Hansard Page: Written**

**Senator McKenzie asked:**

- 405. Have the Department of the Treasury and the agencies within the Treasury portfolio modelled the impact of the carbon tax on their running costs?
- 406. If so, what was the outcome? If not, why, not?
- 407. How much electricity do the Department of the Treasury and the agencies within the Treasury portfolio use? What does this cost them in electricity bills?

**Answer:**

- 405. No.
- 406. The Productivity Commission's running costs are primarily employee related expenses, and the Commission's budget is adjusted annually by movement in wage and cost indices advised by the Department of Finance and Deregulation.
- 407. 385,991 kwh and \$49,500 (ex GST) for the financial year to 31 May 2012.