

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES 2013-2014**

Finance Portfolio

**Question reference number:** F115

**Senator:** Ludwig

**Topic:** Electricity purchasing

**Question:**

1. What are the details of the department/agency electricity purchasing agreement?
2. What are the department/agency electricity costs from 7 September 2013 to date?

**Answer:**

Department / Agency	Response
Finance	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. No change since Budget Estimates May 2012. Refer to response F127.</li> <li>2. For the period 7 September 2013 to 31 October 2013, the Department's electricity costs \$172,787.42 *.                      (*The above figures exclude the electricity costs associated with Senators and Members' Electorate Offices; and Ministers, Senators and Members' offices located in the Commonwealth Parliament Offices).</li> </ol>
AEC	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The AEC does not have a single contract for supply of electricity as it has nation-wide property portfolios which require leasing of offices. A single electricity supply contract is not possible. Separate arrangements are established with electricity suppliers for each office at the point of the AEC assuming occupancy at the site and for the duration of the lease.</li> <li>2. For the period 7 September 2013 to 31 October 2013, \$135,663.83</li> </ol>
ComSuper	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. ComSuper entered into a Whole of Government contract through the Department of Defence Head Agreement with ERM Power Retail Limited for electricity supply to our office tenancy. The contract is for the period 1 July 2011 to 30 June 2015. In addition ComSuper pays on a cost recovery basis for electricity under IT hosting arrangements with Canberra Data Centres Limited.</li> <li>2. ComSuper spent \$30,748 (excluding GST) on electricity during the period 7 September to 31 October 2013. ComSuper finalises its General Ledger on a monthly basis. The requested reporting-period does not align with ComSuper's monthly reporting cycle. As such, while immaterial, the reported expenditure may be marginally overstated due to effect of accounting adjustments such as accruals. To attempt to adjust for this would require an unnecessary diversion of resources.</li> </ol>
Commonwealth	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. CSC has a standard retail contract with the electricity supplier.</li> </ol>

Superannuation Corporation	2. Costs for the period 7 September to 31 October 2013 - \$8,314.42
Future Fund Management Agency	1. FFMA does not have an electricity purchasing agreement 2. For the period 7 September 13 to 31 October 13, \$6,790