

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee  
—Supplementary Budget Estimates Hearing—November 2013**

**Answers to Questions on Notice**

**Parliamentary Departments: Department of Parliamentary Services**

Topic: **Electricity Purchasing**

Question No: **157**

Written: **Senator Ludwig**

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- a) What are the details of the department/agency electricity purchasing agreement?
- b) What are the department/agency electricity costs from 7 September 2013 to date?

**Answer**

- a) Electricity for Parliament House is supplied through a Whole-of-Government (WoG) contract, which commenced on 1 July 2011. Price Schedules are Commercial-in-Confidence. The current electricity supplier to Parliament House is ERM Power Retail Pty Ltd, a publicly listed company that is both a power generator and retail provider.
- b) Electricity costs are invoiced per calendar month. The monthly costs are as follows:
  - September 2013      \$298,834.88 ex-GST
  - October 2013        \$318,686.16 ex-GST
  - November 2013      \$332,041.97 ex-GST