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**Answers to Questions on Notice**

**Climate Change and Energy Efficiency Portfolio**

<b>Outcome:</b>	1	<b>Question No:</b>	176
<b>Program:</b>	CER		
<b>Division/Agency:</b>	Clean Energy Regulator		
<b>Topic:</b>	Contractors – Hawker Britton		
<b>Hansard Page EC:</b>	Written		

**Senator Birmingham asked:**

Has the agency ever employed Hawker Britton in any capacity or is it considering employing Hawker Britton? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).

**Answer:**

No.

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<b>Outcome:</b>	1	<b>Question No:</b>	177
<b>Program:</b>	CER		
<b>Division/Agency:</b>	Clean Energy Regulator		
<b>Topic:</b>	Contractors – Shannon’s Way		
<b>Hansard Page EC:</b>	Written		

**Senator Birmingham asked:**

Has the agency ever employed Shannon’s Way in any capacity or is it considering employing Shannon’s Way? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).

**Answer:**

No.

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<b>Outcome:</b>	1	<b>Question No:</b>	178
<b>Program:</b>	CER		
<b>Division/Agency:</b>	Clean Energy Regulator		
<b>Topic:</b>	Contractors – John Utting & UMR Research		
<b>Hansard Page EC:</b>	Written		

**Senator Birmingham asked:**

Has the agency ever employed John Utting & UMR Research Group in any capacity or is it considering employing John Utting & UMR Research Group? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).

**Answer:**

No.

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<b>Program:</b>	CER		
<b>Division/Agency:</b>	Clean Energy Regulator		
<b>Topic:</b>	Contractors – McCann-Erickson		
<b>Hansard Page EC:</b>	Written		

**Senator Birmingham asked:**

Has the agency ever employed McCann-Erickson in any capacity or is it considering employing McCann-Erickson? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).

**Answer:**

No.

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<b>Outcome:</b>	1	<b>Question No:</b>	180
<b>Program:</b>	CER		
<b>Division/Agency:</b>	Clean Energy Regulator		
<b>Topic:</b>	Contractors – Cutting Edge		
<b>Hansard Page EC:</b>	Written		

**Senator Birmingham asked:**

Has the agency ever employed Cutting Edge in any capacity or is it considering employing Cutting Edge? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).

**Answer:**

No.

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<b>Outcome:</b>	1	<b>Question No:</b>	181
<b>Program:</b>	CER		
<b>Division/Agency:</b>	Clean Energy Regulator		
<b>Topic:</b>	Contractors – Ikon Communications		
<b>Hansard Page EC:</b>	Written		

**Senator Birmingham asked:**

Has the agency ever employed Ikon Communications in any capacity or is it considering employing Ikon Communications? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).

**Answer:**

No.

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<b>Program:</b>	CER		
<b>Division/Agency:</b>	Clean Energy Regulator		
<b>Topic:</b>	Contractors – CMAX Communications		
<b>Hansard Page EC:</b>	Written		

**Senator Birmingham asked:**

Has the agency ever employed CMAX Communications in any capacity or is it considering employing CMAX Communications? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).

**Answer:**

No.

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<b>Outcome:</b>	1	<b>Question No:</b>	183
<b>Program:</b>	CER		
<b>Division/Agency:</b>	Clean Energy Regulator		
<b>Topic:</b>	Contractors – Boston Consulting Group		
<b>Hansard Page EC:</b>	Written		

**Senator Birmingham asked:**

Has the agency ever employed Boston Consulting Group in any capacity or is it considering employing Boston Consulting Group? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).

**Answer:**

No.



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<b>Outcome:</b>	1	<b>Question No:</b>	184
<b>Program:</b>	CER		
<b>Division/Agency:</b>	Clean Energy Regulator		
<b>Topic:</b>	Contractors – McKinsey & Company		
<b>Hansard Page EC:</b>	Written		

**Senator Birmingham asked:**

Has the agency ever employed McKinsey & Company in any capacity or is it considering employing McKinsey & Company? If yes, provide details.

**Answer:**

No.

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<b>Outcome:</b>	1	<b>Question No:</b>	185
<b>Program:</b>	CER		
<b>Division/Agency:</b>	Clean Energy Regulator		
<b>Topic:</b>	Contractors - General		
<b>Hansard Page EC:</b>	Written		

**Senator Birmingham asked:**

What contractors have been employed by the agency? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).

**Answer:**

All contracts entered into by the Clean Energy Regulator are published on AusTender at [www.tenders.gov.au](http://www.tenders.gov.au). Information on contract value, supplier, contract period and the type of work undertaken are provided.

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<b>Program:</b>	CER		
<b>Division/Agency:</b>	Clean Energy Regulator		
<b>Topic:</b>	Government payment of accounts		
<b>Hansard Page EC:</b>	Written		

**Senator Birmingham asked:**

1. For this financial year to date, has the agency paid its accounts to contractors/consultants etc in accordance with Government policy in terms of time for payment (i.e. within 30 days)?
  - a. If not, why not? Please provide details, including what has been the timeframe for payment of accounts? Please provide a breakdown, average statistics etc as appropriate to give insight into how this issue is being approached.
  - b. For accounts not paid within 30 days, is interest being paid on overdue amounts and, if so, how much has been paid by the agency for the current financial year and the previous financial year?
  - c. Where interest is being paid, what rate of interest is being paid and how is this rate determined?
  
2. For 2011-12, did the agency pay its accounts to contractors/consultants etc in accordance with Government policy in terms of time for payment (i.e. within 30 days)?
  - a. If not, why not? Please provide details, including what has been the timeframe for payment of accounts? Please provide a breakdown, average statistics etc as appropriate to give insight into how this issue is being approached.
  - b. For accounts not paid within 30 days, is/was interest being paid on overdue amounts and, if so, how much has been paid by the department/agency for the current financial year and the previous financial year?
  - c. Where interest is being paid, what rate of interest is being paid and how is this rate determined?
  - d. Have all accounts from 2011-12 been paid? If not, why not?

**Answer:**

1. For the period 1 July to 30 September 2012 the Clean Energy Regulator paid 396 invoices for contracting and consulting services, of those 262 or 66.16 per cent were paid within 30 days.

- a. The following table summarises the timing of consultancy and contractor payments for the period 1 July 2012 to 30 September 2012.

	Less than 30 days	Between 30-45 days	Between 45-60 days	Greater than 60 days	TOTAL
Invoices	262	55	28	51	396
Percentage	66.16%	13.89%	7.07%	12.88%	100%

- b. The invoices paid after 30 days resulted from invoices being contested, invoices issued by the vendor prior to final delivery of the goods/services, invoices issued by the vendor with incomplete information, or due to administrative oversight.
- c. The Clean Energy Regulator has not paid late fees or interest on the invoices paid outside the standard government payment terms during the period 1 July to 30 September 2012.
2. For the period 2 April to 30 June 2012 the Clean Energy Regulator paid 432 invoices for contracting and consulting services, of those 294 or 68.06 per cent were paid within 30 days.

- a. The following table summarises the timing of consultancy and contractor payments for the period 2 April 2012 to 30 June 2012.

	Less than 30 days	Between 30-45 days	Between 45-60 days	Greater than 60 days	TOTAL
Invoices	294	54	49	35	432
Percentage	68.06%	12.50%	11.34%	8.10%	100%

- b. The invoices paid after 30 days resulted from invoices being contested, invoices issued by the vendor prior to final delivery of the goods/services, invoices issued by the vendor with incomplete information, or due to administrative oversight.
- c. The Clean Energy Regulator has not paid late fees or interest on the invoices paid outside the standard government payment terms during the period 2 April 2012 to 30 June 2012.
- d. All accounts from 2011-12 received by Clean Energy Regulator Finance have been paid.

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<b>Outcome:</b>	1	<b>Question No:</b>	187
<b>Program:</b>	CER		
<b>Division/Agency:</b>	Clean Energy Regulator		
<b>Topic:</b>	Stationery requirements		
<b>Hansard Page EC:</b>	Written		

**Senator Birmingham asked:**

1. What are the agency's stationery costs for the financial year to date?
2. What were the department/agency's stationery costs for 2011-12?

**Answer:**

1. From 1 July 2012 to 30 September 2012 the expenditure on stationery was \$40,137 (GST Inclusive).
2. From 2 April 2012 to 30 June 2012 the expenditure on stationery was \$20,207 (GST Inclusive).

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**Outcome:** 1 **Question No:** 188

**Program:** CER

**Agency:** Clean Energy Regulator

**Topic:** Media subscriptions

**Hansard Page EC:** Written

**Senator Birmingham asked:**

1. Has there been any change since the 2012-13 Budget Estimates (May 2012) to your pay TV subscription?
  - a. If yes, please provide the reason why, the cost and what channels.
  - b. What is the cost for this financial year to date?
2. Has there been any change since the 2012-13 Budget Estimates (May 2012) to your newspaper subscriptions?
  - a. If yes, please provide the reason why, the cost and what newspapers.
  - b. What is the cost for this financial year to date?
3. Has there been any change since the 2012-13 Budget Estimates (May 2012) to your magazine subscriptions?
  - a. If yes, please provide the reason why, the cost and what magazines.
  - b. What is the cost for this financial year to date?
4. What was the 2011-12 cost for:
  - a. TV subscriptions
  - b. Newspaper subscriptions
  - c. Magazine subscriptions

**Answer:**

1. No.
2. Yes.

- a. The Clean Energy Regulator subscribes to newspapers in order to keep up to date with current events that may impact on the Regulator.

The Clean Energy Regulator subscribes to the following newspapers:

- i. The Australian;
  - ii. Canberra Times;
  - iii. Australian Financial Review; and
  - iv. The Age.
- b. The cost of newspapers from 1 July 2012 to 30 September 2012 was \$685.19 (including GST).
3. No.
4.
    - a. Nil.
    - b. The cost of newspapers from 2 April 2012 to 30 June 2012 was \$976.31 (including GST).
    - c. Nil.

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**Outcome:** 1 **Question No:** 189  
**Program:** CER  
**Agency:** Clean Energy Regulator  
**Topic:** Travel costs  
**Hansard Page EC:** Written

**Senator Birmingham asked:**

For the financial year to date, please detail all travel for Departmental officers. Please include a total cost plus a breakdown that includes airfares (and type of airfare), accommodation, meals and other travel expenses (such as incidentals).

**Answer:**

The travel costs for the Clean Energy Regulator from 1 July 2012 to 30 September 2012 are:

<b>Travel Category</b>	<b>Expenses</b>
Airfares/Accommodation	\$23,022
Travel Allowance	\$24,493
Car Hire	\$1,964
Taxi Fares	\$7,557
Parking, Fares & Tolls	\$161
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$57,197</b>

Please note these figures are GST inclusive.

The Clean Energy Regulator does not record travel data in a way that would readily allow more detailed answers to be provided to these questions. To attempt to provide the requested level of detail would involve an unreasonable diversion of resources.



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<b>Outcome:</b>	1	<b>Question No:</b>	190
<b>Program:</b>	CER		
<b>Agency:</b>	Clean Energy Regulator		
<b>Topic:</b>	Travel costs – policy, lounge membership and support staff		
<b>Hansard Page EC:</b>	Written		

**Senator Birmingham asked:**

1. Are the Government's Lowest Practical Fare travel policy for Domestic Air Travel (Finance Circular No. 2009/10) and Best Fare of the Day for International Air Travel (Finance Circular No. 2009/11) guidelines being followed? How is the agency following the advice? How is this monitored? If the guidelines are not being followed, please explain why.
2. Are lounge memberships provided to any employees? If yes, please detail what lounge memberships, to how many employees and their classification, the reason for the provision of lounge membership and the total costs of the lounge memberships.
3. When SES employees travel, do any support or administrative staff (such as an Executive Assistant) travel with them? If yes, provide details of why such a staff member is needed and the costs of the support staff travel.

**Answer:**

1. The Australian Government's policy for Domestic and International Air Travel is being followed by the Clean Energy Regulator. When formally requesting to undertake travel, staff are directed to ensure that they follow these guidelines and policy, and the approver is also instructed to ensure the guidelines have been followed before approving the travel. This activity is monitored through a centrally coordinated process of review where travel reports are regularly evaluated to assess compliance.
2. There have been no lounge memberships provided to any employees since the Clean Energy Regulator was established on 2 April 2012. A number of staff have existing lounge memberships that were provided prior to the establishment of the Clean Energy Regulator.
3. No.

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**Program:** CER  
**Agency:** Clean Energy Regulator  
**Topic:** Travel costs – 2011-12  
**Hansard Page EC:** Written

**Senator Birmingham asked:**

For 2011-12, please detail all travel for agency officers. Please include a total cost plus a breakdown that includes airfares (and type of airfare), accommodation, meals and other travel expenses (such as incidentals).

**Answer:**

The travel costs for the Clean Energy Regulator from 2 April 2012 to 30 June 2012 are:

<b>Travel Category</b>	<b>Expense</b>
Airfares/Accommodation	\$65,560
Travel Allowance	\$8,680
Car Hire	\$1,746
Taxi Fares	\$10,717
Parking, Fares & Tolls	\$266
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$86,969</b>

Please note these figures are GST inclusive.

The Clean Energy Regulator does not record travel data in a way that would readily allow more detailed answers to be provided to these questions. To attempt to provide the requested level of detail would involve an unreasonable diversion of resources.

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<b>Outcome:</b>	1	<b>Question No:</b>	192
<b>Program:</b>	CER		
<b>Agency:</b>	Clean Energy Regulator		
<b>Topic:</b>	Legal services		
<b>Hansard Page EC:</b>	Written		

**Senator Birmingham asked:**

1. What sum did the agency spend on legal services for this financial year to date within the agency? Please provide a list of each service and costs.
2. What sum did the agency spend on legal services this financial year to date from the Australian Government Solicitor? Please provide a list of each service and costs.
3. What sum did the agency spend on legal services this financial year to date from private firms? Please provide a list of each service and costs.
4. What sum did the agency spend on legal services this financial year to date from other sources? Please provide a list of each service and costs.

**Answer:**

1. From 1 July 2012 to 30 September 2012, the Clean Energy Regulator spend on legal services within the agency was \$59,116. This reflects the costs of the Clean Energy Regulator's in-house General Counsel and Legal Services Section. Neither the General Counsel nor the Legal Services Section time-cost, so it is not possible to provide a list of each service and cost.
2. From 1 July 2012 to 30 September 2012 the spend on Australian Government Solicitor legal services was \$42,190.75 (GST Inclusive).
3. From 1 July 2012 to 30 September 2012 the spend on legal services from private firms was \$165,239.04 (GST Inclusive).
4. The Clean Energy Regulator has sourced legal services and advice from the Department of Climate Change and Energy Efficiency. From 1 July 2012 to 30 September 2012 the cost of these services was \$55,407.66 (excluding GST – GST is not charged on related Government invoices from 1 July 2012). There was no expenditure on legal services from other sources.

To require the Clean Energy Regulator to review all of its legal services and expenditure to provide a breakdown of the nature and cost of each legal service covered by questions 2, 3 and 4 would be an unreasonable diversion of government resources and potentially disclose sensitive information (including commercial in confidence information and/or information that would ordinarily be covered by legal professional privilege).

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<b>Program:</b>	CER		
<b>Agency:</b>	Clean Energy Regulator		
<b>Topic:</b>	Legal services 2011-12		
<b>Hansard Page EC:</b>	Written		

**Senator Birmingham asked:**

1. What sum did the agency spend on legal services for 2011-12? Please provide a list of each service and costs.
2. What sum did the agency spend on legal services for 2011-12 from the Australian Government Solicitor? Please provide a list of each service and costs.
3. What sum did the agency spend on legal services for 2011-12 from private firms? Please provide a list of each service and costs.
4. What sum did the agency spend on legal services for 2011-12 from other sources? Please provide a list of each service and costs.

**Answer:**

The Clean Energy Regulator has reported and published its Legal Services Expenditure Report (the Report) as required by the *Legal Services Directions 2005*. The Report sets out the information requested. A copy of the Report is attached.

It should be noted that the Report covers the legal services expenditure for the Office of the Renewable Energy Regulator. The Office of the Renewable Energy Regulator ceased operations on 1 April 2012. The functions of the Officer of the Renewable Energy Regulator are now undertaken by the Clean Energy Regulator.

To require the Clean Energy Regulator to review all of its legal services and expenditure to provide a breakdown of the nature and cost of each particular legal service would be an unreasonable diversion of government resources and potentially disclose sensitive information (including commercial in confidence information and / or information that would ordinarily be covered by legal professional privilege). In addition, internal legal advice is provided by an in-house Legal Services team. The Legal Services team does not charge for legal advice, nor does it estimate the commercial value of the legal advice it provides.

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<b>Outcome:</b>	1	<b>Question No:</b>	194
<b>Program:</b>	CER		
<b>Agency:</b>	Clean Energy Regulator		
<b>Topic:</b>	Education expenses – change in guidelines		
<b>Hansard Page EC:</b>	Written		

**Senator Birmingham asked:**

Has there been a change since the 2012-13 Budget Estimates (May 2012) to the agency's guidelines on study? If yes, please provide details

**Answer:**

No.

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<b>Program:</b>	CER		
<b>Agency:</b>	Clean Energy Regulator		
<b>Topic:</b>	Education expenses - FYTD		
<b>Hansard Page EC:</b>	Written		

**Senator Birmingham asked:**

For this financial year to date, please detail all education expenses (i.e. in-house courses and tertiary studies) for the agency. Please include what type of course, the total cost, cost per participant, the employment classification of each participant, how many participants and the amount of study leave granted to each participant (provide a breakdown for each employment classification). Please also include the reason for the study and how it is beneficial for the agency.

**Answer:**

Currently the Clean Energy Regulator does not record learning and development data in such a way that would readily allow a detailed answer to be provided to this question. To attempt to provide the requested level of detail would involve an unreasonable diversion of resources.

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<b>Agency:</b>	Clean Energy Regulator		
<b>Topic:</b>	Education expenses – 2011-12		
<b>Hansard Page EC:</b>	Written		

**Senator Birmingham asked:**

For 2011-12, please detail all education expenses (i.e. in-house courses and tertiary studies) the agency. Please include what type of course, the total cost, cost per participant, the employment classification of each participant, how many participants and the amount of study leave granted to each participant (provide a breakdown for each employment classification). Please also include the reason for the study and how it is beneficial for the agency.

**Answer:**

Currently the Clean Energy Regulator does not record learning and development data in such a way that would readily allow a detailed answer to be provided to this question. To attempt to provide the requested level of detail would involve an unreasonable diversion of resources.

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<b>Program:</b>	CER		
<b>Agency:</b>	Clean Energy Regulator		
<b>Topic:</b>	Executive Coaching and Leadership Training - FYTD		
<b>Hansard Page EC:</b>	Written		

**Senator Birmingham asked:**

1. In relation to executive coaching and/or other leadership training services purchased by the agency, please provide the following information for this financial year to date:
  - i. Total spending on these services
  - ii. The number of employees offered these services and their employment classification
  - iii. The number of employees who have utilised these services, their employment classification and how much study leave each employee was granted (provide a breakdown for each employment classification)
  - iv. The names of all service providers engaged.

For each service purchased from a provider listed under (iv), please provide:

  - a. The name and nature of the service purchased
  - b. Whether the service is one-on-one or group based
  - c. The number of employees who received the service and their employment classification
  - d. The total number of hours involved for all employees (please provide a breakdown for each employment classification)
  - e. The total amount spent on the service
  - f. A description of the fees charged (i.e. per hour, complete package).
2. Where a service was provided at any location other than the agency's own premises, please provide:



- a. The location used
- b. The number of employees who took part on each occasion (please provide a breakdown for each employment classification)
- c. The total number of hours involved for all employees who took part (please provide a breakdown for each employment classification)
- d. Any costs the agency incurred to use the location.

**Answer:**

1. The total expenditure on executive coaching and / or other leadership training services purchased for the Clean Energy Regulator for this financial year to date is \$23,265.

The table at Attachment A provides a breakdown of the services purchased for executive coaching and / or other leadership training for the Clean Energy Regulator for the financial year to date.

**ATTACHMENT A**

<b>Service</b>	<b>Service Provider</b>	<b>One-on-one or group based</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>No. of employees</b>	<b>Total hours</b>	<b>Cost</b>	<b>Description of costs</b>	<b>Location cost component</b>
EL1 Leading and Managing Small Teams	APSC	Group	Bowral, NSW	1 x EL1	24	\$4,290	Complete package	Included in course cost
Executive Coaching Program	Executive Central	One-on-one	On site – 5 Farrell Place, Canberra ACT 2601	1 x SES1	6 months (part time)	\$13,200	Complete package	N/A
High Performing Teams – Management Coaching	Career Boost	Group	On site – 5 Farrell Place, Canberra ACT 2601	4 x EL2	16	\$5,775	Complete package	N/A
<b>Total</b>						<b>\$23,265.00</b>		

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<b>Agency:</b>	Clean Energy Regulator		
<b>Topic:</b>	Executive Coaching and Leadership Training – 2011-12		
<b>Hansard Page EC:</b>	Written		

**Senator Birmingham asked:**

1. In relation to executive coaching and/or other leadership training services purchased by the agency, please provide the following information for 2011-12:
  - i. Total spending on these services
  - ii. The number of employees offered these services and their employment classification
  - iii. The number of employees who have utilised these services, their employment classification and how much study leave each employee was granted (provide a breakdown for each employment classification)
  - iv. The names of all service providers engaged.

For each service purchased from a provider listed under (iv), please provide:

  - a. The name and nature of the service purchased
  - b. Whether the service is one-on-one or group based
  - c. The number of employees who received the service and their employment classification
  - d. The total number of hours involved for all employees (please provide a breakdown for each employment classification)
  - e. The total amount spent on the service
  - f. A description of the fees charged (i.e. per hour, complete package).
2. Where a service was provided at any location other than the agency's own premises, please provide:
  - a. The location used

- b. The number of employees who took part on each occasion (please provide a breakdown for each employment classification)
- c. The total number of hours involved for all employees who took part (please provide a breakdown for each employment classification)
- d. Any costs the agency incurred to use the location.

**Answer:**

1. The total expenditure on executive coaching and/or other leadership training services purchased for the Clean Energy Regulator from 2 April 2012 to 30 June 2012 is \$32,772.80.

The table at Attachment A provides a breakdown of the services purchased for executive coaching and / or other leadership training for the Clean Energy Regulator from 2 April 2012 to 30 June 2012.

## ATTACHMENT A

Service	Service Provider	One-on-one or group based	Location	No. of employees	Total hours	Cost	Description of costs	Location cost component
Professional development for Senior Executives	Executive Leadership Australia	Group	The Commonwealth Club, Yarralumla, ACT	1 x SES2	48	\$1,800	Complete package	Nil
Project management, leadership and communication	Tonkin Corporation	Group	Grace Hotel Sydney	2 x EL2	32	\$4,397.80	Complete package	Included in course cost
Leading your team	Yellow Edge	Group	Department of Climate Change and Energy Efficiency, ACT	1 x EL1 1 x APS6	15 15	\$800	Training and materials	Nil
From management to leadership	CPM	Group	Bowral, NSW	1 x EL1	30	\$4,680	Complete package	Included in course cost
Transforming leadership	APSC	Group	Bowral, NSW	1 x SES1	30	\$7,895	Complete package	Included in course cost
Executive coaching program	Executive Central	One-on-one	Bowral, NSW	1 x SES1	6 months (part time)	\$13,200	Complete package	Included in course cost
<b>Total</b>						<b>\$32,772.80</b>		

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<b>Outcome:</b>	1	<b>Question No:</b>	199
<b>Program:</b>	CER		
<b>Agency:</b>	Clean Energy Regulator		
<b>Topic:</b>	Media training		
<b>Hansard Page EC:</b>	Written		

**Senator Birmingham asked:**

1. In relation to media training services purchased by the agency, please provide the following information for this financial year to date:
  - i. Total spending on these services
  - ii. The number of employees offered these services and their employment classification
  - iii. The number of employees who have utilised these services, their employment classification and how much study leave each employee was granted (provide a breakdown for each employment classification)
  - iv. The names of all service providers engaged

For each service purchased from a provider listed under (iv), please provide:

- a. The name and nature of the service purchased
- b. Whether the service is one-on-one or group based
- c. The number of employees who received the service and their employment classification (provide a breakdown for each employment classification)
- d. The total number of hours involved for all employees (please provide a breakdown for each employment classification)
- e. The total amount spent on the service
- f. A description of the fees charged (i.e. per hour, complete package)

2. Where a service was provided at any location other than the agency's own premises, please provide:
  - a. The location used
  - b. The number of employees who took part on each occasion
  - c. The total number of hours involved for all employees who took part (provide a breakdown for each employment classification)
  - d. Any costs the agency incurred to use the location

**Answer:**

No media training services have been purchased by the Clean Energy Regulator for the period 1 July 2012 to 30 September 2012.

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<b>Outcome:</b>	1	<b>Question No:</b>	200
<b>Program:</b>	CER		
<b>Agency:</b>	Clean Energy Regulator		
<b>Topic:</b>	Media training 2011-12		
<b>Hansard Page EC:</b>	Written		

**Senator Birmingham asked:**

1. In relation to media training services purchased by the agency, please provide the following information for 2011-12:
  - i. Total spending on these services
  - ii. The number of employees offered these services and their employment classification
  - iii. The number of employees who have utilised these services, their employment classification and how much study leave each employee was granted (provide a breakdown for each employment classification)
  - iv. The names of all service providers engaged

For each service purchased from a provider listed under (iv), please provide:

- a. The name and nature of the service purchased
- b. Whether the service is one-on-one or group based
- c. The number of employees who received the service and their employment classification (provide a breakdown for each employment classification)
- d. The total number of hours involved for all employees (please provide a breakdown for each employment classification)
- e. The total amount spent on the service
- f. A description of the fees charged (i.e. per hour, complete package)



2. Where a service was provided at any location other than the agency's own premises, please provide:
  - a. The location used
  - b. The number of employees who took part on each occasion
  - c. The total number of hours involved for all employees who took part (provide a breakdown for each employment classification)
  - d. Any costs the agency incurred to use the location

**Answer:**

No media training services were used in 2011-12 by the Clean Energy Regulator.

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**Outcome:** 1 **Question No:** 201  
**Program:** CER  
**Agency:** Clean Energy Regulator  
**Topic:** Paid parental leave  
**Hansard Page EC:** Written

**Senator Birmingham asked:**

1. Please list how many staff in the agency are eligible to receive payments under the Government's Paid Parental Leave scheme?
2. For this financial year to date please list how many staff and their classification are in receipt of these Paid Parental Leave scheme payments.
3. For 2011-12 please list how many staff and their classification are in receipt of these payments.

**Answer:**

1. Since the Clean Energy Regulator was established on 2 April 2012, two employees have been entitled to payments under the Australian Government's Paid Parental Leave Scheme.

2.

<b>Classification</b>	<b>Total</b>
APS4	1
EL1	1
Total	2

3.

<b>Classification</b>	<b>Total</b>
APS4	1
Total	1

*Note: The APS4 employee is the same employee that was paid over the two financial years.*

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<b>Outcome:</b>	1	<b>Question No:</b>	202
<b>Program:</b>	CER		
<b>Agency:</b>	Clean Energy Regulator		
<b>Topic:</b>	Corporate cars		
<b>Hansard Page EC:</b>	Written		

**Senator Birmingham asked:**

1. Please update if there have been any changes since Budget Estimates 2012-13 (May 2012):
  - a. How cars are owned by each agency?
  - b. Where is the car/s located?
  - c. What is the car/s used for?
  - d. What is the cost of each car for this financial year to date?
  - e. How far did each car travel this financial year to date?
2. For 2011-12:
  - a. How cars are owned by each agency?
  - b. Where is the car/s located?
  - c. What is the car/s used for?
  - d. What was the cost of each car?

How far did each car travel?

**Answer:**

1. There has been no change since Budget Estimates 2012-13. The Clean Energy Regulator does not own any cars.
2. The Clean Energy Regulator did not own any cars in 2011-12.

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**Outcome:** 1 **Question No:** 203  
**Program:** CER  
**Agency:** Clean Energy Regulator  
**Topic:** Taxi costs  
**Hansard Page EC:** Written

**Senator Birmingham asked:**

1. How much has the agency spent on taxis this financial year to date? Please provide a breakdown of each business group. What are the reasons for taxi costs?
2. How much did the agency spend on taxis in 2011-12? Provide a breakdown of each business group in the agency. What are the reasons for taxi costs?

**Answer:**

1. From 1 July 2012 to 30 September 2012 expenditure on taxis was \$7,556.98 (including GST). Travel by taxi was undertaken by various Clean Energy Regulator staff to conduct official Regulator business.

<b>Division</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>
Clean Energy Regulator Corporate Costs	Taxi Fares	\$5,432.04
Renewable Energy Target and Carbon Farming Initiative	Taxi Fares	\$1,355.02
Regulatory	Taxi Fares	\$498.80
Clean Energy Regulator Delivery	Taxi Fares	\$271.12
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$7,556.98</b>

2. From 2 April 2012 to 30 June 2012 expenditure on taxis was \$10,717.22 (including GST). Travel by taxi was undertaken by various Clean Energy Regulator staff to conduct official Regulator business.

<b>Division</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>
Clean Energy Regulator Corporate Costs	Taxi Fares	\$2,839.63
Renewable Energy Target and Carbon Farming Initiative	Taxi Fares	\$6,748.35
Regulatory	Taxi Fares	\$1,129.24
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$10,717.22</b>

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**Outcome:** 1 **Question No:** 204  
**Program:** CER  
**Agency:** Clean Energy Regulator  
**Topic:** Credit cards  
**Hansard Page EC:** Written

**Senator Birmingham asked:**

1. Please provide a breakdown for each employment classification that has a corporate credit card.
2. Please update if there have been any changes since Budget Estimates 2012-13 (May 2012):
  - a. What action is taken if the corporate credit card is misused?
  - b. How is the corporate credit card use monitored?
  - c. What happens if misuse of a corporate credit card is discovered?
  - d. Have any instances of corporate credit card misuse have been discovered? Please list staff classification and what the misuse was, and the action taken.
  - e. What action is taken to prevent corporate credit card misuse?

For 2011-12 how many instances of corporate credit card misuse were there? Please list staff classification and what the misuse was, and the action taken.

**Answer:**

1. Staff with a corporate credit card by employment classification.

<b>Classification</b>	<b>Number of staff</b>
APS4	16
APS5	12
APS6	17
EL1	24
EL2	23
SES1	12
SES2	2
CEO	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>107</b>

2. There have been no changes to credit card processes since Budget Estimates 2012-13.

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**Outcome:** 1 **Question No:** 205  
**Program:** CER  
**Agency:** Clean Energy Regulator  
**Topic:** Electronic equipment  
**Hansard Page EC:** Written

**Senator Birmingham asked:**

Is electronic equipment (such as iPad, laptop, wireless card, vasco token, BlackBerry, mobile phone (list type if relevant), thumb drive) provided to agency staff? If yes, please provide details of what is provided, the purchase cost, the ongoing cost and a breakdown of what staff and staff classification receives it.

**Answer:**

Electronic equipment is provided to all classifications of Clean Energy Regulator staff where there is a clear business requirement and appropriate delegate approvals.

In the case of mobile computing equipment, which is generally only provided to Executive Level 2 staff and above, this may include one or more of the following depending on the business requirement:

Equipment	Purchase Costs	Ongoing Costs
RSA Token	\$90.00	\$6.62 per year
Laptop computer	\$1,235.96	Same as per desktop support
4G Modem	\$197.00	Call costs
Mobile Phone	\$210.00	\$4.99 per month + call costs
Blackberry	\$715.00	\$64.95 per month + call costs

A limited number of Clean Energy Regulator staff also participated in a recent trial of secure mobile computing based on the Defence Signals Directorate approved GOOD application operating on iPads with the following associated costs:

Equipment	Purchase Costs	Ongoing Costs
Tablet	\$812.87	\$39.95 per month

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**Outcome:** 1 **Question No:** 206  
**Program:** CER  
**Agency:** Clean Energy Regulator  
**Topic:** Electronic equipment – 2011-12  
**Hansard Page EC:** Written

**Senator Birmingham asked:**

If electronic equipment (such as iPad, laptop, wireless card, vasco token, BlackBerry, mobile phone (list type if relevant), thumb drive) was provided to agency staff for 2011-12, please provide details of what was provided, the purchase cost, the ongoing cost and a breakdown of what staff and staff classification receives it.

**Answer:**

Electronic equipment is provided to all classifications of Clean Energy Regulator staff where there is a clear business requirement and appropriate delegate approvals.

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<b>Outcome:</b>	1	<b>Question No:</b>	207
<b>Program:</b>	CER		
<b>Agency:</b>	Clean Energy Regulator		
<b>Topic:</b>	Electricity purchasing		
<b>Hansard Page EC:</b>	Written		

**Senator Birmingham asked:**

1. Provide details of any update of the agency electricity purchasing agreement if there has been a change since Budget Estimates 2011-12 (May 2012).
2. What were the agency's actual electricity costs for 2011-12, and what are the budgeted costs for 2012-13?
3. What are the agency electricity costs for this financial year to date?

**Answer:**

1. There has been no change to the Clean Energy Regulator's electricity purchasing agreement since Budget Estimates 2011-12 (May 2012).
2. The electricity costs from 2 April 2012 to 30 June 2012 \$22,823.67 (GST exclusive). The budgeted costs for 2012-13 are \$91,294.62.
3. From 1 July 2012 to 30 September 2012, the Clean Energy Regulator has incurred costs of \$22,823.67 (GST exclusive) for electricity.

Note: Electricity is paid through a shared services arrangement with the Department of Climate Change and Energy Efficiency.



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<b>Outcome:</b>	1	<b>Question No:</b>	208
<b>Program:</b>	CER		
<b>Agency:</b>	Clean Energy Regulator		
<b>Topic:</b>	Briefings for the Australian Greens		
<b>Hansard Page EC:</b>	Written		

**Senator Birmingham asked:**

Have any briefings been provided to the Australian Greens? If yes, please include:

- a. How are briefings requests commissioned?
- b. What briefings have been undertaken? Provide details and a copy of each briefing.
- c. Have any briefings requests been unable to proceed? If yes, provided details of what the briefings were and why it could not proceed.
- d. How long is spent undertaking briefings for the Australian Greens? How many staff are involved and how many hours? Please provide a breakdown for each employment classification.

**Answer:**

The Clean Energy Regulator provides information and briefings to the Australian Greens on the same basis as it provides information to the Opposition and the cross-benchers – at the request of the Minister.

- a. Refer to the comment above.
- b. Briefings are generally provided orally, covering a range of issues.
- c. No.
- d. Such briefings are incorporated in the general work of the relevant areas of the Clean Energy Regulator, and not separately identified.

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<b>Outcome:</b>	1	<b>Question No:</b>	209
<b>Program:</b>	CER		
<b>Agency:</b>	Clean Energy Regulator		
<b>Topic:</b>	Briefings for the Australian Greens – 2011-12		
<b>Hansard Page EC:</b>	Written		

**Senator Birmingham asked:**

Were any briefings been provided to the Australian Greens in 2011-12? If yes, please include:

- a. How are briefings requests commissioned?
- b. What briefings have been undertaken? Provide details and a copy of each briefing.
- c. Have any briefings requests been unable to proceed? If yes, provided details of what the briefings were and why it could not proceed
- d. How long is spent undertaking briefings for the Australian Greens? How many staff are involved and how many hours? Provide a breakdown for each employment classification.

**Answer:**

Please refer to the response to Question 208.

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<b>Outcome:</b>	1	<b>Question No:</b>	210
<b>Program:</b>	CER		
<b>Agency:</b>	Clean Energy Regulator		
<b>Topic:</b>	Briefings for Independents		
<b>Hansard Page EC:</b>	Written		

**Senator Birmingham asked:**

Have any briefings been provided to Independents? If yes, please include:

- a. How are briefings requests commissioned?
- b. What briefings have been undertaken? Provide details and a copy of each briefing.
- c. Have any briefings requests been unable to proceed? If yes, provided details of what the briefings were and why it could not proceed.
- d. How long is spent undertaken briefings for the Australian Greens? How many staff are involved and how many hours? Provide a breakdown for each employment classification.

**Answer:**

The Clean Energy Regulator provides information and briefings to the Independents on the same basis as it provides information to the Opposition and the cross-benchers – at the request of the Minister.

- a. Refer to the comment above.
- b. Briefings are generally provided orally, covering a range of issues.
- c. No.
- d. Such briefings are incorporated in the general work of the relevant areas of the Clean Energy Regulator, and not separately identified.

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<b>Outcome:</b>	1	<b>Question No:</b>	211
<b>Program:</b>	CER		
<b>Agency:</b>	Clean Energy Regulator		
<b>Topic:</b>	Briefings for Independents – 2011-12		
<b>Hansard Page EC:</b>	Written		

**Senator Birmingham asked:**

Were any briefings been provided to Independents in 2011-12? If yes, please include:

- a. How are briefings requests commissioned?
- b. What briefings have been undertaken? Provide details and a copy of each briefing.
- c. Have any briefings requests been unable to proceed? If yes, provided details of what the briefings were and why it could not proceed.
- d. How long is spent undertaking briefings for the Australian Greens? How many staff are involved and how many hours? Provide a breakdown for each employment classification.

**Answer:**

Please refer to the response to Question 210.

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**Outcome:** 1 **Question No:** 212  
**Program:** CER  
**Agency:** Clean Energy Regulator  
**Topic:** Shredders  
**Hansard Page EC:** Written

**Senator Birmingham asked:**

1. Did the agency purchase any shredders in 2011-12? If yes, provide details of how many shredders were purchased, the cost of each shredder, why each new shredder was needed and the purpose for which the shredder is to be used.
2. Has the agency purchased any shredders since Budget Estimates 2011-12 (May 2012)? If yes, please provide details of how many shredders were purchased, the cost of each shredder, why each new shredder was needed and the purpose for which the shredder is to be used.

**Answer:**

1. No.
2. No.

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<b>Outcome:</b>	1	<b>Question No:</b>	213
<b>Program:</b>	CER		
<b>Agency:</b>	Clean Energy Regulator		
<b>Topic:</b>	Protective Security		
<b>Hansard Page EC:</b>	Written		

**Senator Birmingham asked:**

Please provide an update for your agency, including what is your current compliance level, what are you doing to manage risk, what is being done to comply with the mandatory requirements and details of any agency specific policies and procedures.

**Answer:**

The Clean Energy Regulator commenced operation on 2 April 2012 and is working toward achieving full compliance with the Protective Security Policy Framework (PSPF). The progress is being monitored by the Security Management Committee, who has oversight of the implementation arrangements of the PSPF. Identified risks are being managed as part of the Clean Energy Regulator's risk management framework.

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**Outcome:** 1 **Question No:** 214  
**Program:** CER  
**Agency:** Clean Energy Regulator  
**Topic:** Media/Comms staff  
**Hansard Page EC:** Written

**Senator Birmingham asked:**

Please provide – in relation to all public relations, communications and media staff – the following:

- a. How many ongoing staff, the classification, the type of work they undertake and their location.
- b. How many non-ongoing staff, their classification, type of work they undertake and their location
- c. How many contractors, their classification, type of work they undertake and their location.

**Answer:**

- a. As at 30 September 2012, the following staff were in ongoing communication roles at the Clean Energy Regulator. All staff are located in Canberra.

<b>Number of staff</b>	<b>Classification</b>	<b>Type of work</b>
1	EL 2	Manager
3	EL 1	Internal and external communications
1	EL 1	Online Communications
1	PAO 3*	Internal and external communications
2	APS 6	Internal and external communications
1	APS 6	Media management
1	APS 5	Internal and external communications
1	APS 5	Online communications

\* PAO – Public Affairs Officer

- b. As at 30 September 2012, the following staff were in non-ongoing communication roles at the Clean Energy Regulator. All staff are located in Canberra.

<b>Number of staff</b>	<b>Classification</b>	<b>Type of work</b>
1	EL 1	Internal and external communications
1	APS 6	Graphic Design
1	APS 5	Internal and external communications

- c. As at 30 September 2012, the following contractor was engaged for a communication role at the Clean Energy Regulator. The contractor was located in Canberra.

<b>Number of staff</b>	<b>Classification</b>	<b>Type of work</b>
1	Contractor	Online communications



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<b>Outcome:</b>	1	<b>Question No:</b>	215
<b>Program:</b>	CER		
<b>Agency:</b>	Clean Energy Regulator		
<b>Topic:</b>	Grants pause		
<b>Hansard Page EC:</b>	Written		

**Senator Birmingham asked:**

1. To date, how much of the 2012-13 budget appropriations has your agency received?
2. For 2012-13 please list each grant program your agency administers, and the total funding of each program.
3. Please list each grant program that has not been paused as part of the Government-wide grants pause.
4. Please provide the total cash value of each program that has not been paused?
5. Please list each grant program that has been "paused" as part of the Government-wide grants pause.
6. Please provide the total cash value of each program that has been paused, and the total value of all grants paused?
7. On what date did your agency receive advice from the government to pause certain grants programs?
  - a. How was the instruction received, and from whom was it received?
8. Please list the dates on which the Minister for Finance met with senior agency officials to discuss the grants pause and on which the Minister overseeing your agency met with senior agency officials
9. From what date was your agency told to implement the grants pause? When did it do so?

10. Has your agency been provided with information regarding when the grants pause would end?
  - a. If so, what was the date?
  - b. Was your agency advised if it could communicate when the grants pause would end to grant applicants?
11. Please provide the advice your agency gave to Department of Finance regarding which programs should be included in the grants pause.
12. Did your agency receive advice/instruction from the Department of Finance regarding how best to communicate the grants pause to grant applicants, the media and other external stakeholders?
13. What information has been provided to grant applicants regarding the grants pause? Please provide scripts if these have been given to call centres, or any other information sheets which have been used internally for discussing the grants pause with applicants.
14. Has your agency been advised by the Department of Finance of further grants pauses in the future? If so
  - a. When did you receive notification of future grants pauses?
  - b. What is the date of future grants to be paused?
  - c. Which grants programs will be paused?
  - d. What is total value of pauses in future grants programs?
  - e. When will notification of these future grants pauses be made public?
15. How many staff are employed to administer grant programs within the agency?
16. During the Grants Pause, with what activities have these staff been involved? Have staff been moved to other divisions during the grants pause?
17. During the Grants Pause, were decisions on grants being made, but applicants not alerted?

**Answer:**

The Clean Energy Regulator does not have any grant programs.