

Senate Standing Committee on Economics

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Question: AET 53
Topic: Monitoring Use of Water in Departments and Agencies
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Senator **WONG** asked:

(Q1) Is there any requirement to provide details of how much water is used and how much water is saved in the annual reports of each department and agency in the Minister's portfolio?

Answer:

The Tax Office is not aware of a requirement to specifically report water used or saved in the Commissioner's annual reports. However departments and agencies are required to report on environmental matters generally under Section 516A of *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act*. Water usage is a consideration in responding to this requirement and is referenced in the Commissioner's most recent annual report for 2005-06 at appendix 7.

(Q2) Is water usage monitored for each department and agency in the Minister's portfolio?

Answer:

Water usage is not currently monitored in Tax Office accommodation as the tenancy and metering configurations do not allow the metering of water consumed directly by individual tenants. Often the Tax Office shares buildings with other tenants under different building management arrangements and in addition water is also used by the building owner thus making individual monitoring not possible. Under the lease arrangements, landlords are not required to provide consumption figures.

(Q3) What is the water usage for each department and agency in the Minister's portfolio?

Answer:

See response to Q2.

(Q4) For each department and agency in the Minister's portfolio, can information be provided on whether dual flush toilets are in place in the buildings they occupy?

Answer:

The Tax Office has over 60 different sites which have fit outs of varying standards.

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In its more recent lease arrangements, refurbishments and pre commitment leases the Tax Office has specified water saving measures including dual flush toilets.

Table A indicates buildings with or without dual flush toilets

Table A: Dual Flush Toilets.

Site Address	State	Dual Flush
Belconnen , Chandler Building 40 Cameron Avenue 2617	ACT	✗
Canberra , 51 Allara Street 2600	ACT	✗
Canberra , 2 Constitution Avenue 2600	ACT	some
Canberra , Custom Credit House 38 Akuna Street 2600	ACT	✓
Canberra , CWA House 17 Moore Street 2600	ACT	some *
Canberra , Shop 1 Ethos House 28 - 36 Ainslie Avenue 2600	ACT	✗
Bruce , Computer Centre Battye Street 2617	ACT	✓
Canberra , SAP House Cnr Akuna & Bunda Streets 2600	ACT	✓
Canberra , 14 Moore Street 2600	ACT	✓
Mitchell , 9 - 11 Huddart Court 2911	ACT	✗
Albury , Smollett Building 567 Smollett Street 2640	NSW	✗
Albury , 429 Swift Street 2640	NSW	✗
Chatswood , Shop 43 Lemon Grove Shopping Centre	NSW	✓
Grafton , 16 King Street 2460	NSW	✓
Hurstville , 23 MacMahon Street 2220	NSW	✓
Hurstville , 12 -22 Woniora Road 2220	NSW	✓
Newcastle , 266 King Street 2300	NSW	some
Parramatta , Jessie Street Centre 2 - 12 Macquarie Street 2150	NSW	Reduced flush **
Penrith , 121 - 125 Henry Street 2750	NSW	✓
Port Macquarie , 75 -77 Lord Street 2044	NSW	✓
St Leonards , 33 Herbert Street 2065	NSW	✗
Sydney , Centrepoint 100 Market Street 2000	NSW	✓
Orange , Cnr Kite Street & Lord Place 2380	NSW	✗
Wollongong , 93 -99 Burelli Street 2500	NSW	✓
Brisbane , 280 Adelaide Street 4000	QLD	✓
Brisbane , Central Plaza One 345 Queen Street 4000	QLD	✗
Brisbane , 167 Eagle Street 4000	QLD	✗
Brisbane , Riverside Centre 123 Eagle Street 4000	QLD	✓
Brisbane , Terrica Place 140 Creek Street 4000	QLD	✓
Bundaberg , 62 Woondoon Street 4670	QLD	✓
Cairns , 88 Abbott Street 4870	QLD	✓
Chermside , 10 Banfield Street (Cnr Gympie Street) 4032	QLD	✓
Gold Coast , 72 Nerang Street 4215	QLD	✓
Mackay , 17 MacAlister Street 4740	QLD	✓
Rockhampton , 34 East Street 4700	QLD	✓
Toowoomba , Bell Street Mall 4350	QLD	✓
Townsville , Stanley Place 255 Stanley Street 4810	QLD	✗
Upper Mount Gravatt , MacGregor St 4133	QLD	✗
Upper Mount Gravatt , Nexus Building 96 Capalaba Road 4133	QLD	✗
Hobart , 190 - 202 Collins Street 7000	TAS	✗
Burnie , 49 - 51 Cattley Street 7320	TAS	✗
Launceston , 54 Cameron Street 7250	TAS	✗
Launceston , Hamilton House 46 - 54 Charles Street 7250	TAS	Reduced Flush
Bendigo , 101 High Street 3550	VIC	✓
Box Hill , 990 Whitehorse Road 3128	VIC	✓
Cheltenham , 4 - 10 Jamieson Street 3192	VIC	✗

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Geelong , 100 Brougham Street 3220	VIC	✓
Melbourne, 390 Latrobe Street 3000	VIC	✓#
Melbourne, Casselden Place 2 Lonsdale Street 3000	VIC	✗
Melbourne, 350 Queen Street 3000	VIC	✗
Melbourne, World Trade Centre 605 Flinders Street 3000	VIC	✗
Moonee Ponds, 6 - 20 Gladstone Street 3039	VIC	✗
Sale, 66 Foster Street 3850	VIC	✗
Ballarat, 48 Sturt Street 3350	VIC	some
Dandenong, 14 - 16 Mason Street 3175	VIC	✓
Adelaide, 50 Rundle Mall Plaza 5000	SA	✓
Adelaide, 81 - 95 Waymouth Street 5000	SA	✗
Northbridge, 45 Francis Street 6003	WA	✓
Perth, Parmelia House 191 St Georges Terrace 6000	WA	some
Alice Springs, Jock Nelson Centre 16 Hartley Street 0870	NT	✗
Darwin, 24 Mitchell Street 0800	NT	✓

Legend:

building owner is considering installation of waterless urinals.

*dual flush progressively being installed,

** site participated in Sydney Water's "every drop counts" program and reduced the flush volume.