

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**BUDGET ESTIMATES 2011-2012**

**PM&C Portfolio**

**Department/Agency:** Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet  
**Outcome/Program:** 1.1.1 Domestic Policy  
**Topic:** Electricity purchasing agreement

**Senator:** Senator Ryan

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**Question:**

Provide an update of the department/agency electricity purchasing agreement. Provide details of when this was entered into and the length of the agreement.

What were the department/agency electricity costs for 2009-10 and 2010-11?

What are the department/agency electricity costs for this financial year to date?

**Answer:**

The department has an electricity purchasing agreement with ERM Power Retail. The agreement is under the Whole of Government Contract for the supply of electricity to Commonwealth Agencies in the ACT. The contract commenced on 1 July 2011 for a period of four years.

The total electricity cost incurred by the department, including COAG Reform Council and the Official Establishments for financial year 2009-10 was \$291,322.31 including GST

The total electricity cost incurred by the department, including COAG Reform Council, CHOGM 2011 and the Official Establishments for financial year 2010-11 was \$360,476.07 Inc. GST

The total electricity cost incurred by the department, including COAG Reform Council, CHOGM 2011 and the Official Establishments for this financial year to 7 June 2012 is \$277,649.94 including GST.

\*Electricity costs for the Arts and Sport Group and National Mental Health Commission have not been included in this response. They will be answered separately by the Department of Regional Australia, Local Government, Arts and Sport and the National Mental Health Commission respectively.