

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

**Answers to Questions on Notice**

**Parliamentary departments, Department of Parliamentary Services**

Topic: **Electricity Purchasing**

Question: **146**

Written **Senator Ryan**

**Date set by the committee for the return of answer: 12 July 2013**

- a. What are the details of the department/agency electricity purchasing agreement?
- b. What are the department/agency electricity costs for this financial year 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 previous supply contract was a WoG agreement, with ActewAGL as the supplier.

The current electricity supplier to Parliament House is ERM Power Retail Pty Ltd.

ERM Power is a publicly listed company and is both a power generator and retail provider. The WoG contract with the Commonwealth commenced in July 2011 for 4 years.

- b) Electricity cost for this financial year to 31 March 2013 is \$2,971,327 ex-GST.