

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee —Supplementary Budget Estimates Hearing—October 2012

Answers to Questions on Notice

Parliamentary departments, Department of Parliamentary Services

Topic: **Electricity Purchasing**

Question: **156**

Written **Senator Ryan**

Date set by the committee for the return of answer: 30 November 2012

- a. Provide details of any update of the department/agency electricity purchasing agreement if there has been a change since Budget Estimates 2011-12 (May 2012).
- b. What are the department/agency electricity costs for 2011-12?
- c. What are the department/agency electricity costs for this FYTD?

Answer

- a) In July 2012, ERM Power notified DPS that the Australian Energy Regulator (AER) had approved increases to network charges for 2012–13 with effect from 1 July 2012. For customers in the ACT, this was an increase of approximately 10%.
- b) The cost of electricity for 2011–12 (\$2,913,004)—after a rebate saved of \$18,125 for early payment of invoices received since 1 July 2011—represented an overall reduction from 2010–11 of 16.6%.
- c) The following table shows the electricity costs for this financial year to 30 September 2012, after the rebate saved for early payment of invoices.

	2012-13	Rebate
Jul	\$295,889	\$1,176
Aug	\$321,408	\$1,915
Sept	\$300,079	\$1,857