

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES 2012-13

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

Department/Agency: Australian National Audit Office

Outcome/Program:

Topic: Electricity Usage

Senator: McKenzie

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Question:

1. For the financial year 2011-2012, how many kilowatt hour of electricity did the department consume? What was the total cost?
2. What does this cost work out to per employee?
3. What increases in electricity costs has the Department experienced since the introduction of the carbon tax?
4. How has this changed the Department's spending pattern? What programs or services have been cut to meet the increased costs?
5. What measures is the Department taking to reduce its electricity expenditure? When did these commence? What impact have they had?

Answer:

1. ANAO used 671298.118 kilowatt hours of electricity for the financial year 2011-2012. The total cost was \$94,370.25
2. Electricity cost an average of \$274.30 per employee for financial year 2011-2012.
3. Following the implementation of the Commonwealth Government's Clean Energy Scheme, ANAO experienced a price increase of approximately 2.3 cents/kWh effective from 1 July 2012.
4. No ANAO programs or services have been cut to meet the increased costs.
5. ANAO entered a green lease schedule in September 2008. A Building Management Committee meets monthly to monitor energy consumption and track usage against targets.