

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES 15 OCTOBER 2012**

**PM&C Portfolio**

**Department/Agency:** National Mental Health Commission  
**Outcome/Program:** National Mental Health Commission  
**Topic:** Electricity Usage

**Senator:** Senator McKenzie

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**Question:**

For the financial year 2011-2012, how many kilowatt hour of electricity did the department consume? What was the total cost?

What does this cost work out to per employee?

What increases in electricity costs has the Department experienced since the introduction of the carbon tax?

How has this changed the Department's spending pattern? What programs or services have been cut to meet the increased costs?

What measures is the Department taking to reduce its electricity expenditure? When did these commence? What impact have they had?

**Answer:**

The National Mental Health Commission was established on 1 January 2012 and has not entered into an electricity purchasing agreement. The Commission's electricity usage is included in the electricity purchasing agreement of the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet (PM&C), with relevant electricity usage charges repaid to PM&C by the Commission.