

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS  
ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT

**Portfolio**

**Question No. 123**

**Senator Humphries asked the following question at the hearing on 12 February 2013:**

Electricity Purchasing

- 1) Provide details of any update of the department/agency electricity purchasing agreement if there has been a change since Supplementary Budget Estimates 2012-13 (October 2012).
- 2) What are the department/agency electricity costs for this financial year to date?

**The answer to the honourable senator's question is as follows:**

All reported financial year to date figures are between 1 July 2012 to 31 January 2013

**Attorney-General's Department**

- 1) No change
- 2) \$665,205.47

**Administrative Appeals Tribunal**

- 1) In January 2013 the supply contract for the Tribunal's Melbourne Registry expired and a new 3 year contract with Origin Energy (incumbent supplier) was entered aftermarket testing. The supply arrangements for all other registries remain unchanged.
- 2) \$108,143.

**Australian Commission for Law Enforcement Integrity**

- a) No change.
- b) \$24,407.

**Australian Crime Commission**

- 1) No change
- 2) \$393,525. This represents invoices paid this financial year to date and may include charges for services outside of the period specified and exclude costs for services delivered but not invoiced.

**Australian Customs and Border Protection Service**

- 1) Following a Prequalified Tender process, 11 small sites in Queensland, New South Wales, Victoria and South Australia were contracted to Origin Energy for a 3 year period from 1 March 2013 and 2 small sites were contracted to Aurora energy for supply in Tasmania from 1 March 2013 to 30 June 2015. All other sites are supplied under existing arrangements. Under the Whole of Government contract, a change was made from 1 December 2012 to the tariff rate for one ACT site with potential annual savings estimated to be \$8,267.

- 2) \$2,467,057.11. This does not include any electricity costs incorporated in property lease costs and which are not separately identifiable.

#### **Australian Federal Police**

- 1) No Change
- 2) \$4,426,580.69

#### **Australian Government Solicitor**

Australian Government Solicitor (AGS) is a government business enterprise operating on a commercial and competitive basis in providing legal and related services to government and its agencies. AGS does not receive any Budget or other appropriations and its employees are engaged outside of the *Public Service Act 1999*. The question is therefore not applicable to AGS.

#### **Australian Human Rights Commission**

- 1) No change
- 2) \$64,127

#### **Australian Institute of Criminology**

- 1) No change
- 2) \$36,170

#### **Australian Law Reform Commission**

- 1) No change
- 2) \$5,183.42

#### **Australian Security Intelligence Organisation**

- 1) No change
- 2) \$1,782,651.

#### **AUSTRAC**

- 1) Level 30, 140 William St, Melbourne: 24/1/13 to 23/1/15 (24 months) with Simply Energy.
- 2) \$187,145.

#### **CrimTrac**

- 1) No change
- 2) Office electricity costs were \$42,697.58 and data centre electricity costs were \$45,929.91.

#### **Family Court of Australia**

- 1) No change
- 2) \$273,662

#### **Federal Court of Australia**

- 1) No change
- 2) \$28,977

### **Federal Magistrates Court of Australia**

- 1) No change
- 2) \$792

### **High Court of Australia**

- 1) No change
- 2) \$199,412

### **Insolvency and Trustee Service Australia (ITSA)**

- 1) Yes, one change please see below, previously reported with a duration of 2 years.

| ITSA Site | Agreement  | Start date | Duration |
|-----------|--|------------|----------|
| Adelaide  | ITSA has a limited tender contract with Powerdirect. | 20/09/2010 | 3 years  |

- 2) \$122,947

### **National Native Title Tribunal**

The NNTT will not be providing a response to this question, as from 1 July 2012 the National Native Title Tribunal is no longer a *Financial Management and Accountability Act 1997* Agency, and is funded to carry out its functions as a sub-program of the Federal Court of Australia's appropriation.

### **Office of the Australian Information Commissioner**

- 1) No change
- 2) \$19,226

### **Office of the Commonwealth Director of Public Prosecutions**

- 1) The CDPP has the following electricity purchasing agreements

| State | Utility company | Start date | Length of the agreement |
|-------|-----------------|------------|-------------------------|
| ACT   | ERM Power Ltd   | 01/08/2012 | 1 year                  |
| NSW   | ERM Power Ltd   | 01/08/2011 | 4 years                 |
| VIC   | AGL Electricity | 01/07/2008 | 5 years                 |

- 2) \$188,401.97

### **Office of Parliamentary Counsel**

- 1) OPC's electricity purchasing agreement for the leased premises in Barton aligns with the Whole-of-Government agreement negotiated by the Department of Defence in 2011. OPC assumed responsibility for an additional lease on 1 October 2012 as a result of a Machinery of Government change. We are in the process of migrating electricity supply for that location to the Whole-of-Government agreement.
- 2) \$29,358