

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 15 OCTOBER 2012

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(SE12/0206) PROGRAM – Internal Product

Senator McKenzie asked:

What increases in electricity costs has the department experienced since the introduction of the carbon tax? How has this changed the departments spending patterns? What programs or services have been cut to meet the increased costs?

Answer:

DIAC has multiple suppliers throughout Australia. Two suppliers, ERM Power and Energy Australia, have provided details for the cost increase related to the carbon price. The increased costs are \$0.020705 per kWh and \$0.020102 per kWh for the respective suppliers. The department's other electricity suppliers have not specified an increase relating to the Carbon price.

The increased cost of electricity is not sufficiently significant to have affected the department's spending patterns.

No programs or services have been cut as a result of electricity price increases.