

Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee

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Human Services Portfolio

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Question:

- a) What are the details of the department/agency electricity purchasing agreement?
- b) What are the department/agency electricity costs for this financial year to date?

Answer:

- a) DHS' electricity purchasing arrangements vary according to the state, geographic location within the state, the quantity of electricity consumed at each site, and whether the geographic location is open to competition. The electricity purchasing arrangements, based on location and site consumption (small and large market), are as follows:

Australian Capital Territory – large market sites:

ERM Power Retail Pty Ltd – four (4) year contract commenced July 2011.

Queensland, New South Wales, South Australia and Victoria – large market sites:

Momentum Energy Pty Ltd – four (4) year contract commenced October 2011.

Queensland, South Australia and Victoria – small market sites:

TRUenergy – three (3) year contract commenced March 2011 for Victoria and Queensland (other than regional). Ergon Energy supplies regional Queensland with arrangements in place on a site by site basis.

Tasmania – small and large market sites:

Aurora Energy – three (3) year contract commenced May 2012.

New South Wales and Australian Capital Territory – small market sites:

Supply arrangements on a site by site basis with ActewAGL, AGL, Country Energy, Energy Australia, Integral Energy, Origin Energy and TRUenergy.

Western Australia sites – large and small market sites:

Supply arrangements on a site by site basis with WesternPower, Synergy and PowerWater.

NT sites – large and small market sites:

Supply arrangements on a site by site basis with PowerWater.

- b) DHS electricity costs 1 July 2012 – 31 May 2013 were \$20.817 million Ex GST.