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Topic: Carbon Tax

Senator McGrath asked:

1. What was the impact of the carbon tax on the ABC's operating expenses:
 - a. In the 2012-13 financial year?
 - b. In the 2013-14 financial year?
2. What has been the impact of the carbon tax's abolition on the ABC's operating expenses since 1 July this year?
3. How much does the ABC estimate that it will save on an ongoing basis due to the abolition of the carbon tax?

Answer:

1. The impact of the carbon tax on the ABC's overall operating expenses is not known, as supplier increases related to the carbon tax were not separately identified. The impact of the carbon tax on the ABC's energy related expenditure is estimated at:
 - a. \$922,000 in 2012-13 financial year; and
 - b. \$903,000 in 2013-14 financial year.
2. The impact of the abolition of the carbon tax on the ABC's overall operating expenses is not known. The impact of the abolition of the carbon tax on the ABC's energy related expenditure since 1 July to 30 November is estimated at \$376,000.
3. The ABC estimates that it will save between \$600,000 and \$700,000 per annum (assuming no future rate increases) in energy related expenditure, as a result of the abolition of the carbon tax.