

Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications

Answers to Senate Estimates Questions on Notice

Supplementary Budget Estimates Hearings November 2013

Communications Portfolio

Department of Communications

Question No: 38

Program No. Corporate

Hansard Ref: In Writing

Topic: Electricity Purchasing

Senator Ludwig asked:

- a. What are the details of the department/agency electricity purchasing agreement?
- b. What are the department/agency electricity costs from 7 September 2013 to date?

Answer:

- a. The Department purchases electricity as part of the Whole of Government (WoG) Electricity Contract managed by the Department of Defence, Directorate of Energy and Safety, Defence Support Operations.
- b. The Department's financial expenses are recorded on accrual accounting basis, with these items reconciled at the end of every month. To provide expense data at any date other than month-end would risk misstatement of the Department's position and require an unreasonable diversion of Departmental resources to rectify.
The Department's expenses for electricity for the period 1 September 2013 to 31 October 2013 were \$49,263.99 (GST excl).