

Senate Economics Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Industry, Tourism and Resources Portfolio
2006-07 Additional Budget Estimates Hearing
15 & 16 February 2007

AGENCY/DEPARTMENT: INDUSTRY, TOURISM AND RESOURCES

TOPIC: *Monitoring Use of Water in Departments and Agencies*

REFERENCE: WRITTEN QUESTION

QUESTION No. AI-141

Senator WONG asked:— Is there any requirement to provide details of how much water is used and how much water is saved in the annual reports of each department and agency in the Minister's portfolio?

ANSWER

See attached table for answers to AI-141-AI-144

QUESTION No. AI-142

Senator WONG asked:— Is water usage monitored for each department and agency in the Minister's portfolio?

QUESTION No. AI-143

Senator WONG asked:— What is the water usage for each department and agency in the Minister's portfolio?

QUESTION No. AI-144

Senator WONG asked:— For each department and agency in the Minister's portfolio, can information be provided on whether dual flush toilets are in place in the buildings they occupy?

ANSWERS TO AI-141- AI-144

	AI-141	AI-142	AI-143	AI-144
DITR	No	No	Currently not collected. Difficult to determine usage due to shared leased building arrangements.	ACT-yes NSW – yes VIC – no QLD – yes SA – yes WA – no TAS - no
IP AUST	No	2005/06 – 13,933 kL 2006/07 – 4,118 kl	Figures supplied are for our main leases only (Discovery House, Sirius Building and 10 Corinna St). This would account for over 99% of our water usage. Figures cover both tenant and building owner usage. The figures are not able to be separated	Discovery House – yes Sirius Building – no Corinna Chambers - yes
GEOSCIENCE AUST	No	(a) Geoscience Australia monitors water consumption at its main site (Symonston) 24 hours per day through an external contractor as part of the outsourced Facilities Management contract for the site. Monitoring includes exception reporting where usage falls outside of normal usage, the Facilities Manager is contacted to investigate. (b) Consumption is correlated and reported to Geoscience Australia on a monthly basis within the Facilities Management monthly reports. Details are reviewed by Geoscience Australia Property Services area as part of the Energy and Environmental Management System Plan and Policy.	(a) Water consumption for financial year 2005/2006 for Geoscience Australia 16,885 kL. (b) Water consumption for Geoscience Australia to date for financial year 2006/2007 (July 06 – Feb 07) 7,582kL.	Geoscience Australia can confirm all toilets within the Geoscience Australia building are dual flush systems.

		(c) Geoscience Australia senior management are provided reports on all energy consumption and performance on a quarterly basis.		
TOURISM AUST	No	No	No available	Sydney – No Canberra – Yes
NOPSA	No	No	No available	No dual flush in place.