

**Senate Standing Committee on Economics**

**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**Treasury Portfolio**

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**Question:**                **aet 48 (ABS)**

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

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**Senator WONG asked:**

- (1) 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?
- (2) Is water usage monitored for each department and agency in the Minister's portfolio?
- (3) What is the water usage for each department and agency in the Minister's portfolio?
- (4) 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?

**Answer:**

- (1) No
- (2) No. All Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) offices are in multi tenancy buildings. Water usage is not monitored at the tenancy level as it is supplied to the building as a whole, and landlords do not separately supply or meter individual tenancies.
- (3) As stated in (2), water usage is not monitored.
- (4) Dual flush toilets are in place in buildings occupied by the ABS in Canberra, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide and Perth, but not in Sydney, Hobart or Darwin.