

Senate Standing Committee on Economics

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Treasury Portfolio

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Question: aet 58 (RAM)

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. The Royal Australian Mint is not required to provide details of water used and how much water is saved in its annual report; however the RAM provides details of measures it is taking to minimise the impact of its activities on the environment.
2. The Royal Australian Mint monitors its water usage (on a daily basis).
3. The Royal Australian Mint's water usage in 2005/06 was 21,967kL.
4. The Royal Australian Mint has dual flush toilets in its buildings.