

**Senate Standing Committee on Economics**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
Innovation, Industry, Science and Research Portfolio  
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**AGENCY/DEPARTMENT:** INNOVATION, INDUSTRY, SCIENCE & RESEARCH

**TOPIC:** Environmental Management

**REFERENCE:** Written Question - Senator Colbeck

**QUESTION No.:** BI-122

- 1) Is there, or has there been, a team within Corporate Division that works on environmental management projects within the Department?
- 2) When was the team set up, how many staff are in the team and what does it do?
- 3) What work and/or projects has it undertaken?
- 4) How much in total has been spent on the activities and other costs of this team? And how much specifically has been spent on travel?

**ANSWER**

- 1) There is an Environmental Management team within the Property Services section.
- 2) The team was set up in May 2008. The team consists of one part time Executive Level 1 team member, and a full time APS 4 position. The team's main focus is mandatory environmental management reporting submitted on an annual basis. The reporting requirements are as follows: the department operates under the Energy Efficiency in Government Operations (EEGO) Policy. The department reports annual levels of energy use, vehicle data and emissions to meet the requirements of the EEGO Policy via the Online System for Comprehensive Activity Reporting (OSCAR) to the Department of Climate Change and Energy Efficiency. The department reports on the volume of packaging and paper waste annually to meet the requirements of the Australian Packaging Covenant (formerly National Packaging Covenant).
- 3) The team's main focus is to fulfil the Departments mandatory environmental management reporting requirements (OSCAR, APC). This reporting requires the gathering, collation and analysis of data in the areas of energy, ICT and waste annually. The team is an active member of the Government Agencies Environment Network (GAEN). The team also undertakes a wide range of staff awareness campaigns to assist staff in their use of resources while in the office environment. The team provides data and information to maintain certified NABERS ratings in the area of energy and recently waste for it's main site, 10 Binara St, Canberra, and indicative ratings in State offices.

- 4) Salaries are the only cost for the activities undertaken, the salary breakdown over the period from when the team was set up to 31 May 2011 are as follows:

Financial Year	Classification	Total Cost
2008-09	EL1 x 0.5 FTE	\$45,900
2009-10	EL1 x 0.5 FTE APS4 x 1 FTE	\$138,227
2010-11 (to 31 May 2011)	EL1 x 0.5 FTE APS4 x 1 FTE	\$61,908
Total of all years		\$246,035