

**Senate Standing Committee on Economics**

**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

Resources, Energy and Tourism Portfolio

Supplementary Budget Estimates

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**Question:** SR61  
**Topic:** Electricity Purchasing  
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**Senator Bushby asked:**

1. Provide details of any update of the department/agency electricity purchasing agreement if there has been a change since Budget Estimates 2011-12 (May 2012).
2. What are the department/agency electricity costs for 2011-12?
3. What are the department/agency electricity costs for this financial year to date?

**Answer:**

***The Department & Australian Renewable Energy Agency***

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1. There has been no change to the department/agency electricity purchasing agreements in Canberra, Melbourne and Perth since Budget Estimates 2011-12 (May 2012).
2. The Department's electricity costs for 2011-12 were \$121,621.47 (GST inclusive).
3. The Department's total electricity costs to date in this financial year totals \$38,385.31 (GST inclusive).

***Geoscience Australia***

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1. There has been no variation to Geoscience Australia's (GA) purchasing agreement since Budget Estimates in May 2012.
2. GA's electricity costs for the 2011-12 financial year was \$788,170.
3. GA's electricity costs this financial year to date is \$324,655.

***Tourism Australia***

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1. There has been no variation to Tourism Australia's (TA) purchasing agreement since Budget Estimates in May 2012.
2. TA's electricity costs for the 2011-12 financial year was \$530,000.
3. TA's electricity costs this financial year to date is \$199,000.

***National Offshore Petroleum Safety and Environmental Management Authority***

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1. There has been no variation to the National Offshore Petroleum Safety and Environmental Management (NOPSEMA's) purchasing agreement since Budget Estimates in May 2012.
2. NOPSEMA's electricity costs for the 2011-12 financial year was \$16,063.
3. NOPEMA's electricity costs this financial year to date is \$9,628.

***Australian Solar Institute***

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The Australian Solar Institute does not incur electricity costs.