

**Senate Standing Committee on Education Employment and Workplace  
Relations**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE  
Budget Estimates 2012-2013**

**Cross Portfolio**

**DEEWR Question No.** EW0084\_13

**Senator Back provided in writing.**

**Question**

**Electricity Purchasing**

"Provide an update of the department/agency electricity purchasing agreement. Provide details of when this was entered into and the length of the agreement. What were the department/agency electricity costs for 2009-10 and 2010-11? What are the department/agency electricity costs for this financial year to date? "

**Answer**

Electricity is supplied to DEEWR's ACT tenancies by ERM Power Retail Pty Ltd under a Whole of Government Contract for the supply of electricity to Government tenancies in the ACT. The contract is from 1 July 2011 to 30 June 2015 and managed on behalf of the Commonwealth by the Department of Defence.

Electricity supply to DEEWR tenancies in each State and the Northern Territory is provided through a range of local arrangements, managed by the department's facilities management contractor, United Group Ltd.

DEEWR's electricity costs for 2009-10, 2010-11 and the 2011-12 financial year to 31 May 2012 are provided in the table below.

<b>Financial Year</b>	<b>Cost</b>
2009-10	\$2,492,673
2010-11	\$2,182,450
2011-12 (YTD 31 May 2012)	\$1,628,038