

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

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Senator McKenzie provided in writing.

Question

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Answer

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The Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations has not modelled the impact of the carbon tax on its running costs. The Department will manage any impact of the carbon price within our departmental operational budget.

How much electricity does the department use?

The Department's recent electricity usage is provided in the table below:

Year	kWh
2009-10	15,489,622
2010-11	12,383,846
1 June 2011 – 31 December 2011	5,118,606

What is the department's total annual electricity spend?

The Department's electricity expenditure from 1 July 2011 to 31 May 2012 was \$1,628,038.