

Senate Standing Committee on Finance and Public Administration

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Human Services Portfolio

Additional Estimates 2006-2007, 13th and 16th February, 2007

Question: HS62

Department: Department of Human Services

Outcome 1, Output 1

Topic: Monitoring the use of water

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SENATOR WONG asked on 16/02/2007:

- (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) There is no current requirement to report on water used and saved in annual reports.
- (2) Water usage is included in the gross lease and is therefore not separately monitored.
- (3) As above.
- (4) Dual flush toilets are in place in all lease holdings in the core department.

To prepare this answer it has taken approximately 1 hour and 30 minutes at an estimated cost of \$101.