

**Senate Standing Committee on Finance and Public Administration**

**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**Human Services Portfolio**

Additional Estimates 2006-2007, 13<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> February, 2007

**Question: HS64**

**Agency: Child Support Agency**

**Outcome 1, Output 2**

**Topic: Monitoring and 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) The CSA is required to report its environmental performance in the Annual Report, however, water usage and targets are not specifically reported.
- (2) The CSA does not currently have a national system in place to monitor water usage.

The CSA is investigating introducing processes to monitor water usage across its sites in line with the Agency's Environmental Management System and the Government Energy Efficiency Policy (EEGO).

- (3) Water usage is not currently known as these costs are included in total lease costs.
- (4) All CSA sites are leased. The CSA has dual flush toilets in 8 of its 15 major sites due to varying age of the sites. The CSA is seeking to have dual flush toilets installed in all new fitouts where the Agency can negotiate the initiative with the Building owner.

To prepare this answer it has taken approximately 3 hours and 30 minutes at an estimated cost of \$201.