

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: HS68

Department/Agency: HSA

Outcome #, Output #

Topic: Monitoring the use of water

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SENATOR WONG asked on 16/02/07:

- (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) HSA is not required to report water usage in its annual report;
- (2) HSA does not monitor water usage in its clinics;
- (3) No record is available of water usage in HSA clinics as these costs are included in the lease costs;
- (4) Dual flush toilets are installed in all HSA fitouts. However dual flush toilets are not present in all toilets provided by the landlord in public areas.

To prepare this answer it has taken approximately 1 hour and 10 minutes at an estimated cost of \$75.