

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet

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Question: PM 51 and PM 57

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Topic: Water usage

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Senator Wong asked:

- 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) No.
- 2) As occupiers of leased premises, the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (PM&C) and the Office of the Inspector-General of Intelligence and Security (OIGIS) are not in a position to monitor water usage.
- 3) The building owner advises that water usage for the building occupied by PM&C and OIGIS as at 12 February 2007 was as follows:

2004-05	14,259 kL
2005-06	9,445 kL
- 4) As at 12 February 2007, the building occupied by PM&C and OIGIS did not have dual flush toilets. However, PM&C and OIGIS moved into a new building at One National Circuit on 16 February 2007 and this building has dual flush toilets that make use of rain water runoff stored in an underground tank.

Other PM&C portfolio agencies are responding separately to this question.