
Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
2006-07 Additional Budget Estimates Hearings
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

QON PM 54 - Senator Wong
Subject: ANAO - Use of Water

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?

Answer: Water use is not required to be measured or reported in agency Annual Reports.

2) Is water usage monitored for each department and agency in the Minister's portfolio?

Answer: We monitor water usage at our main location at 19 National Circuit Canberra, noting that two other tenants share the building and we are unable to meter each tenant's usage. Bills are paid on a pro rata basis. We have a very small office in Sydney which does not monitor water usage and we are not billed for it. We are in the process of installing meters to monitor ANAO usage at 19 National Circuit.

3) What is the water usage for each department and agency in the Minister's portfolio? (If you do monitor water usage, please provide data for FY 2005-06.) Answer: From 16 Jan 06 to 18 Jan 07 we used 9278 kL at 19 National Circuit, noting that there are approximately 300 ANAO staff and 70 people from other organisations at this address.

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: Yes

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