

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES 2011-2012

Finance and Deregulation Portfolio

Department/Agency: Department of Finance and Deregulation

Outcome/Program: 3/3.1

Topic: Electrical Testing and Tagging costs (electorate office costs)

Senator: Ryan

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Question:

Senator RYAN: How much does it cost to have someone come around with a trolley and test everything in an office?

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Can I have both the costs for the last financial year and the projected costs for this financial year? I will place my other questions on notice.

Answer:

UGL Services Pty Ltd manages on behalf of Finance, a national Testing and Tagging program applied to all Senators and Members' electorate offices.

The cost to deliver the program for the 2010- 2011 financial year was \$44,045.54 (exclusive of GST).

Expenditure on Testing and Tagging for the 2011-2012 financial year is estimated to be \$46,000.00 (exclusive of GST).

Testing and tagging of electrical equipment in electorate offices is a requirement of the *Occupational Health and Safety (Safety Standards) Regulations 1994* (Cth), which include at Regulation 10.06

- (2) An employer must ensure that the electrical equipment is regularly inspected by a competent person.
- (3) An employer must ensure that the electrical equipment is regularly tested by a competent person.