

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**  
**Budget Estimates Hearing – October 2012**  
**ANSWER TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

Prime Minister and Cabinet portfolio

**Department/Agency:** Office of the Official Secretary to the Governor-General

**Program 1:** Support for the Governor-General and Official Activities

**Outcome 1:** The performance of the Governor-General's role is facilitated through the organisation and management of official duties, management and maintenance of the official household and property and administration of the Australian Honours and Awards system.

**Topic:** Electricity Purchasing 2011-12

**Senator:** Ryan

**Question reference number:** PM136

**Type of Question:** Written

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Provide details of any update of the department/agency electricity purchasing agreement if there has been a change since Budget Estimates 2011-12 (May 2012).

What are the department/agency electricity costs for 2011-12?

What are the department/agency electricity costs for this financial year to date?

**Answer**

Electricity purchasing is undertaken via a Whole of Government (WOG) contract with ERM Power Retail Pty Ltd. The contract period is 1 July 2011 – 30 June 2015.

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| 2009-10 | \$156,276 | 2010-11                | \$173,492 |
| 2011-12 | \$156,909 | FYTD 30 September 2012 | \$60,721  |