

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS
ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT

Portfolio

Question No. 95

Senator Humphries asked the following question at the hearing on 30 May 2013:

Electricity purchasing

- a) What are the details of the department/agency electricity purchasing agreement?
- b) What are the department/agency electricity costs for this financial year to date?

The answer to the honourable senator's question is as follows:

For 2012-13 financial year information up to 31 January 2013, please refer to QoN 123 from the Additional Estimates round.

For the period 1 February 2013 to 31 May 2013 please see below.

Attorney-General's Department

- a) No change from Additional Estimates round QoN 123
- b) \$366,166.69

Administrative Appeals Tribunal

- a) No change from Additional Estimates round QoN 123
- b) Electricity cost for 1 February – 31 May 2013 is \$58,254

Australian Commission for Law Enforcement Integrity

- a) There has been no change to the Australian Commission for Law Enforcement Integrity (ACLEI) electricity purchasing arrangements. ACLEI purchases its electricity from ActewAGL. There is no formal purchasing agreement.
- b) For the period 1 February 2013 to 31 May 2013, ACLEI's electricity costs have come to \$12,794

Australian Crime Commission

- a) No change
- b) \$559,574 This represents invoices paid this financial year to date and may include charges for services outside of the period specified and exclude costs for services delivered but not invoiced

Australian Customs and Border Protection Service

For the period 1 February 2013 to 31 May 2013, the cost is \$1,393,051.27. This does not include any electricity costs incorporated in property lease costs that are not separately identifiable.

- a) As provided in the responses to QoN 163 (24 May 2012 hearing) and QoN 123 from the Additional Estimates round.
- b) For 2012-13 financial year information up to 31 January 2013, please refer to QoN response 123 from the Additional Estimates round.

Australian Federal Police

- a) Purchasing Agreements in place for the AFP are:
 - Whole of Government Agreement with ERM – commenced 1 July 2011, expires 30 June 2015.
 - Agreement with Momentum for 383 LaTrobe Street, Melbourne – commenced 1 June 2012, expires 30 November 2015.
 - Agreement with Momentum for 110 McLeod Street, Cairns – commenced 1 June 2012, expires 10 April 2014.
 - Agreement with Momentum for 69 Investigator Road, Robina – commenced 1 June 2012, expired 28 February 2013.
- b) 1 February 2013 to 31 May 2013 total electricity spend in Australia is \$2,621,735.91

Australian Government Solicitor

Australian Government Solicitor (AGS) is a government business enterprise operating on a commercial and competitive basis in providing legal and related services to government and its agencies. AGS does not receive any Budget or other appropriations and its employees are engaged outside of the *Public Service Act 1999*. The question is therefore not applicable to AGS.

Australian Human Rights Commission

- 1) The AHRC will be undertaking a RFO process in 2013-14
- 2) \$21,396

Australian Institute of Criminology

- a) No change
- b) \$17,678

Australian Law Reform Commission

- a) No change
- b) \$1,975.76

Australian Security Intelligence Organisation

- a) No change since Additional Budget Estimates (February 2013)
- b) ASIO's electricity costs for the period 1 February to 31 May 2013 were \$1,161,080

Australian Transaction Reports and Analysis Centre

- a) Update: Level 36, 140 William St Melbourne
The expiry date for this contract was extended by 1 week, from 12/05/13 to 17/05/13.
All other contracts remain unchanged.
- b) \$92,541.32

Commonwealth Director of Public Prosecutions

- a) The CDPP has the following electricity purchasing agreements:

State	Utility company	Start date	Length of the agreement
ACT	ERM Power Ltd	01/08/2012	1 year
NSW	ERM Power Ltd	01/08/2011	4 years
VIC	AGL Electricity	01/07/2013	3 years

- b) \$110,697.13

CrimTrac

- a) No change
- b) \$21,973

Family Court of Australia

- a) No change
- b) \$131,783.18

Federal Court of Australia

- a) No change
- b) No change
By way of background the Federal Court is primarily accommodated within the Commonwealth Law Court buildings located in the various capital cities. For the 2012-13 financial year these buildings were impacted by the introduction of new 'Special Purpose Property' principles wherein the Department of Finance and Deregulation (DoFD) became responsible for the special purpose component of these buildings ie all courtrooms, chambers,

and judicial support areas - facilities that represent approx 90% of the total building. As part of the implementation process the Federal Court funding for outgoings such as electricity has been returned to DoFD and all electricity expenses for 2012-13 have been met by DoFD

Federal Circuit Court of Australia

- a) The Court vacated its site at 47 Bolton St Newcastle at lease expiry in November 2012. This was the only FCC specific site to be billed directly for electricity usage.
- b) Nil

High Court of Australia

- 1) No change
- 2) \$137,415.95

Insolvency and Trustee Service Australia

- a) There has been no change to ITSA's electricity purchasing agreement.
- b) \$61,454.48

National Native Title Tribunal

The National Native Title Tribunal (NNTT) will not be providing a response to this question, as from 1 July 2012 the NNTT is no longer a Financial Management and Accountability Act 1997 Agency, and is funded to carry out its functions as a sub-program of the Federal Court of Australia's appropriation. On 12 March 2013 the Courts and Tribunals Legislation Amendment (Administration) Act 2013 came into operation. On that day the Australian Public Service Commissioner signed a determination which transferred all staff employed by the Tribunal to the Federal Court of Australia under s.72 of the Public Service Act, but those staff are designated staff assisting the Tribunal under the Native Title Act

Office of Parliamentary Counsel

- a) OPC's electricity purchasing agreements for both leased premises in Barton and Deakin align with the Whole-of-Government agreement negotiated by the Department of Defence in 2011.
- b) \$30,327

Office of the Australian Information Commissioner

- a. The OAIC has office premises in both Sydney and Canberra.
In Sydney, OAIC purchases electricity directly from Energy Australia. Electrical charges for base building services, including tenancy air-conditioning are proportionally recovered as part of building outgoings, on-charged to all tenants.
In Canberra, electricity charges are on passed as part of the rent and recovery arrangements set down under the sublease agreement with the Attorney-General's Department. Electricity is purchased from ACTEW
- b) \$13,115.83