

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

Portfolio

Question No. 117

Senator Humphries asked the following question at the hearing on 16 October 2012:

Electricity Purchasing

- 1) 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).
- 2) What are the department/agency electricity costs for 2011-12?
- 3) What are the department/agency electricity costs for this financial year to date?

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

Attorney-General's Department

- 1) No change.
- 2) 2011-12: \$937,000
- 3) 1 July 2012 - 30 September 2012: \$183,000

Australian Crime Commission

- 1) No change.
- 2) 2011-12: \$479,637
- 3) 1 July 2012 – 30 September 2012: \$102,598

Australian Customs and Border Protection Services

- 1) No change.
- 2) The cost of electricity purchased directly from retailers and landlords where electricity charges have been identified separately for 2011-12 was \$3,996,901.07. Electricity costs passed through but not identified separately by landlords in relation to lease costs have not been included, as these are not recorded separately from other landlord costs in our Financial Management Information System.
- 3) The cost of electricity purchased directly from retailers and landlords where electricity charges have been identified separately for this financial year up to 30 September 2012, was \$1,034,807.16. Electricity costs passed through but not identified separately by landlords in relation to lease costs have not been included, as these are not recorded separately from other landlord costs in our Financial Management Information System.

Australian Federal Police

- 1) No change.
- 2) 2011-2012 total electricity spend in Australia: \$6,658,121.71
- 3) 1 July 2012 to 30 September 2012 total electricity spend in Australia: \$1,726,127.25

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) No change.
- 2) For electricity costs from 1 June 2011–30 April 2012 see Question no. 163 from Budget Estimates. Electricity costs for 1 May – 30 June 2012: \$12,001 (Ex GST)
- 3) 1 July 2012 - 30 September 2012: \$21,071 (Ex GST)

Australian Institute of Criminology

- 1) No change.
- 2) 2011-12: \$49,454
- 3) 1 July 2012 – 30 September 2012: \$17,352

Australian Law Reform Commission

- 1) No change.
- 2) 2011-12: \$10,240.86
- 3) 1 July 2012 to 30 September 2012: \$1,438.84

Australian Security Intelligence Organisation

- 1) For all ACT facilities, the Organisation's electricity purchasing agreement aligns with the Whole-of-Government agreement negotiated by the Department of Defence in 2011 with ERM appointed as the provider for a term of three years. ASIO has an individual account with ERM established in accord with the terms and conditions of the Whole-of-Government agreement.

For ASIO's other facilities in Australia, ASIO has aligned itself with each of the respective Landlord's electricity providers under their terms and conditions. ASIO believe this method provides the best value for money as it benefits from the larger purchasing power of

each respective Landlord. These offices are all undeclared sites and ASIO does not provide comment on them for security reasons.

- 2) 2011-12: \$2,869,559
- 3) 1 July 2012 - 30 September 2012: \$701,183.

CrimTrac

- 1) CrimTrac transferred its office electricity services from ACTEW AGL to ERM on 1 July 2012 as part of a whole of government electricity contract.
- 2) For 2011-12, electricity costs were \$70,930 (excluding GST) for office electricity and \$60,647 (excluding GST) for data centre electricity.
- 3) For 2012-13, September YTD office electricity costs were \$19,540 (excluding GST) for office electricity and \$19,671 (excluding GST) for data centre electricity.

Family Court of Australia

- 1) The Family Court of Australia (FCoA) have a number of electricity purchasing agreements across a property portfolio of 21 sites. Some smaller privately leased sites (between 250 - 1200m²) have electricity provided via lease outgoings or do not currently have contracts in place as value for money cannot be realised via a contract (this has been tested).

Table 1: Family Court of Australia and Federal Magistrates Court Electricity Purchasing Agreements

Site	Contract Start Date	Contract End Date	Electricity Provider
Adelaide Commonwealth Law Court (CLC)	1/7/11	31/12/15	Momentum
Brisbane CLC	1/7/11	31/12/15	Momentum
Canberra CLC	1/7/11	31/12/15	Momentum
Hobart CLC	1/7/11	31/6/14	Aurora Energy
Melbourne CLC	1/7/11	31/12/15	Momentum
Parramatta CLC	1/7/11	31/12/15	Momentum
Sydney CLC	1/7/11	31/12/15	Momentum
Dandenong - 53 – 55 Robinson St	1-Jul-10	30-Jun-14	Tru Energy
Newcastle - 61 Bolton St	19-Jul-11	30-Jun-15	Momentum
Canberra , 15 London Cct Level 2,3,4,7	In process to sign contract July 12	30-Jun-15	ERM via WoG Defence Contract
Albury - 463 – 467 Kiewa St- Suite 7, First Floor	n/a no contract		Country Energy
Alice Springs - 12 Gregory Tce	n/a no contract		Power Water

Lismore - 29 Molesworth St	n/a no contract		Country Energy
Wollongong - 43 Burelli St	n/a no contract		Integral
Coffs Harbour - 26 Gordon St	n/a no contract		Country Energy
Darwin - 80 Mitchell St	n/a no contract		Power Water
Launceston- 69 Brisbane St	n/a no contract		Aurora Energy
Cairns - Cnr Grafton & Shield St	n/a via lease outgoings		
Townsville - 143 Walker St	n/a via lease outgoings		
Dubbo - 188 Macquarie St	n/a via lease outgoings		
Rockhampton - Virgil Power Building, East St	n/a via lease outgoings		

2) Energy Costs for the Court for 2011/12 were \$1,901,834

3) Energy Costs for the Court for 1 Jul 2012 to 30 Sept 2012 are \$126,998

Federal Court of Australia

- 1) There have been changes to the management arrangements for the Commonwealth Law Courts buildings, and as a result, the Court will no longer be paying electricity charges for these buildings commencing June 2012-2013.
- 2) 2011-12: \$964,278
- 3) 1 July 2012 – 30 September 2012: \$10,011. Due to the change in the management arrangements for the Commonwealth Law Courts Buildings, the Court has not paid any electricity costs for the 2012-13 year for these buildings.

Federal Magistrates Court of Australia

- 1) The Federal Magistrates Court (FMC) has three leased sites (the remainder of sites that are used by the FMC are leased by the Family Court of Australia). Two of these sites pay electricity via lease outgoings and the remaining site is on a rolling yearly contract.

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Site	Contract Start Date	Contract End Date	Electricity Provider
FMC-Newcastle - 47 Bolton St	1/7/09	Rolling yearly	Energy Australia
FMC – Sydney 80 Williams St	n/a via lease outgoings		
FMC- Sydney-88 Goulburn Street, Floors 5,6 & 7	n/a via lease outgoings		

- 2) Energy Costs for the Court for 2011/12 were \$41,839
- 3) Energy Costs for the Court for 1 Jul 2012 to 30 Sept 2012 are \$1,613

National Native Title Tribunal

Please note: From 1 July 2012 the National Native Title Tribunal 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.

- 1) Please refer to the Federal Court's response
- 2) 2011-12: \$130,411
- 3) Please refer to the Federal Court's response

Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions

- 1) No change.
- 2) 2011-12: \$289,224.54 (excluding GST)
- 3) 1 July 2012 – 30 September 2012: \$73,703.16 (excluding GST)

Office of the Australian Information Commissioner

- 1) No change
- 2) For electricity costs from 1 June 2011–30 April 2012 see Question no. 163 from Budget Estimates. Electricity costs for 1 May – 30 June 2012: \$5032 (Excluding GST)
- 3) 1 July 2012 – 30 September 2012: \$8013 (Excluding GST)