

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 15 OCTOBER 2012

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(SE12/0207) PROGRAM – Internal Product

Senator Humphries (written) asked:

What measures is the Department taking to reduce its electricity expenditure? When did these commence? What impact have they had?

Answer:

DIAC has conducted energy audits across all major office buildings in Australia. The department has utilised the Canberra Data Centre to consolidate ICT equipment and take advantage of improved energy efficiencies. Further, an ICT project has delivered the capability to implement personal computing (PC) hibernation after set periods of inactivity.

The energy audits were undertaken in April 2012. DIAC commenced relocation of production equipment from the Belconnen Data Centre and three external service provider data centres to the Canberra Data Centre in November 2010 with the move completed in June 2011. The roll out of the ICT project commenced in February 2012 and is ongoing.

Implementation of the recommendations from the energy audits and ICT projects are ongoing and are not yet able to be quantified. The Canberra Data Centre has reduced the electricity usage rate in comparison to previous years' rates by approximately 209 000kwh per year.