

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 19 November 2013

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(SE13/0197) PROGRAMME – Internal Product

Senator Ludwig (Written) asked:

a) What are the details of the department/agency electricity purchasing agreement? b) What are the department/agency electricity costs from 7 September 2013 to date?

Answer:

- a) For the onshore office accommodation the Department of Immigration and Border Protection (DIBP) has various electricity purchasing agreements with both electricity suppliers and landlords.

The department's electricity purchasing agreements include:

- In the ACT the department is part of the Whole-of-Government contract for its large sites
- In NSW the department is contracted to Energy Australia for its large sites.
- In Victoria the department has a small market site arrangement with Lumo at 2 Lonsdale Street.

All other departmental sites are on standing arrangements with retailers, or are billed via landlords in accordance with the lease.

Electricity purchasing agreements in place for immigration detention facilities are provided in accordance with standard commercial arrangements.

- b) From 7 September 2013 through until 26 November 2013 the department incurred bills for onshore office accommodation electricity totalling \$222,945.11 (incl GST).

For the DIBP detention facilities the current billing quarter is expected to be available at the end of February 2014.

Departmental offshore posts are managed on behalf of all agencies by DFAT under a Service Level agreement. The energy costs are charged back to each agency based on the percentage of the space occupied by the particular agency as part of the overall outgoing cost.

MRT RRT:

MRT-RRT electricity purchasing agreements vary by location, and include direct contracts with electricity firms and payment for services through tenancy leasing agreements. The agency's electricity costs from 7 September 2013 to 31 October 2013 were \$53,479.

Australian Customs and Border Protection Service

For 2012-13 financial year information up to 1 June 2013, please refer to QoN 81 from the budget estimates round.

Yes. The cost for the period of 1 June 2013 to 19 November 2013 was \$513,052. This is a reduction of \$139,194, over the corresponding period in 2012 (\$652,246).