

## Questions taken on notice and further information agreed to be supplied at the hearings

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Witness:	N/A
Committee member:	Mr Richard Riordan MP
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### Relevant text:

1. Departmental Secretary, the Victorian Government receives a significant discount on electricity from the purchasing contract with Red Energy. In a written response to PAEC from the February 2018 hearings, the former DEDJTR confirmed that for the 2016/17 financial year rates, that despite having a reduction in electricity usage, the Departments electricity bills increased 25%. Has your Department seen a similar rise in the Departments electricity bills?

### Answer:

The department commenced operations on 1 January 2019. We have no comparative data for the reporting period that your question relates to.

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2. Can you provide the committee with your Departments:
  - a. Units of electricity usage (excluding green power) in megajoules
  - b. Units of electricity usage (excluding green power) converted to kilowatt hours
  - c. Total financial cost of electricity
  - d. And how that compares with the previous financial year.

Answer:

- a) Electricity usage in megajoules is provided within the Department's Annual Report.
- b) Kilowatt hours is not used as a reporting metric for electricity usage.
- c) Total electricity costs for the 2018-19 financial year are still being calculated.
- d) See above.