

PARLIAMENTARY DEPARTMENTS

Written Questions on Notice provided by Richard Riordan MP

ENERGY SUPPLY TO DEPARTMENTS (BP3 PG 369)

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?

	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Parliament House			
Total Usage (kWh)	1,904,308	2,288,873	2,137,891
% Increase in Usage compared to last year		20%	-7%
Total Cost \$ (ex GST)	251,777	386,780	417,326
% Increase in Cost compared to last year		54%	8%
Electorate Offices			
Total Cost \$ (ex GST)	665,432	762,047	677,986
% Increase in Cost compared to last year		15%	-11%

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.

Parliament has multiple properties:

- **Parliament House**
See Usage and cost in table above (response to Q1)
- 55 St Andrews Pl. - electricity cost is included in our rental charges and is managed by DTF's Shared Services Provider, as agents for the property owner (DTF) across the Treasury Precinct
- **Electorate Offices** – Whilst electricity costs are tracked (see table for response to Q1), Parliament does not have a system to record electricity usage in kilowatt-hours for electorate offices (128 separate sites and supply contracts). Compiling this information would be a manual process to extract information from every monthly electricity invoice at all 128 electorate offices. This is not possible within the resources currently available.

DEPARTMENT OFFICE BASED BULLYING (BP3 PG 369)

3. Departmental Secretary, for 2017/18 and for 2018/19 so far, can you please provide the committee with the number of Departmental staff that reported incidents of bullying to your Department.

No Departmental staff reported incidents of bullying to the Department for 2017/18 and for 2018/19 so far.

4. For the same timeframe, 2017/18 and for 2018/19 so far, can you please provide the committee with the number of Ministerial staff that reported incidents of bullying to your Department?

No Ministerial staff reported incidents of bullying to the Department for 2017/18 and for 2018/19 so far.

5. Are able to provide a breakdown of all bullying incidents by category identified, whether gender, sexuality, physical for those two previous questions as well.

Not applicable

6. Secretary, are you able to please provide the committee with a copy of the latest People Matters Survey results for your Department and, in addition, the itemised results for each portfolio agency under your Department.

The Departments of the Parliament did not participate in the People Matters Survey during 2017/18. The Departments of the Parliament have not received the People Matters Survey results for 2018/19 Survey. There are no portfolio agencies under the Department.

VOLUNTARY DEPARTURE PACKAGES (BP2 PG 57) –

Q7 to 14 are not applicable to Parliament as Parliament is not a Government Department

7. Secretary, BP2 PG 57 identifies \$685 million in Reprioritisations and revenue offsets and \$251 million in savings. This follows on from reprioritisations and savings in last year's budget.
8. Can you please detail the reprioritisations which have occurred in your Department during 2018/19, for which unit of your Department they applied to and for which programs or policy areas?
9. One Department has set a target of reducing their workforce from 13,000 to around 7,000 in 2019/20. What is your Department's headcount reduction target to achieve employee savings?
10. Can you please provide the committee with a list of how many fixed terms contracts are not going to be renewed in each unit of your Department?
11. The budget forecasts \$2.5 billion in reprioritisations over the forward estimates. How much of the \$2.5 billion will impact your Department?
12. The budget forecasts \$1.97 billion in savings over the forward estimates. How much of that \$1.97 billion will impact your Department?
13. Has the Department's Base Review begun? If not, when will it begin?
14. Has anyone been contracted to conduct the Base Review at your Department? If so who and at what cost?

PARLIAMENT OF VICTORIA

Public Accounts and Estimates Committee



27 June 2019

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Dear Treasurer

2019-20 Budget Estimates inquiry – Extension for responses to written Questions on Notice

Thank you for your letter of 25 June. I write to advise that the Committee has granted your request, made on behalf of all Ministers, for an extension to provide responses to all written questions on notice. The responses to all written questions on notice are now due by 5pm on 25 July.

For clarity, I note that responses to questions taken on notice at the hearings remain due by 5pm on 4 July.

Should you or your staff require further information relating to this matter, please contact the Committee's Lead Analyst, Budget Estimates and Outcomes, Ms Jessica Strout on 8682 2870.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'L. Blandthorn', followed by a horizontal line.

Ms Lizzie Blandthorn MP
Chair

cc: Ministers