

Freedom of Information release– Department of Human Services Electricity Consumption

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In 2009-10, the Human Services Portfolio consumed 109.890 GWh of electricity, including 1.979 GWh of Greenpower, which supports around one million square metres of property all around Australia. The average cost was 18.2 cents per kWh, at a total cost of \$19.959 million.

The contribution of the major agencies in the Human Services Portfolio is as follows:

		Electricity usage (GWh)		Cost (\$m)	
		2008-09	2009-10	2008-09	2009-10
Centrelink	Non-renewable	82.999	81.434	-	-
	Renewable	0.992	1.319	-	-
	Total	83.991	82.752	14.571	14.659
Medicare Australia	Non-renewable	15.503	14.266	-	-
	Renewable	0.359	0.292	-	-
	Total	15.862	14.558	2.947	2.996
DHS (inc. CSA & CRS)	Non-renewable	13.287	12.211	-	-
	Renewable	0.312	0.368	-	-
	Total	13.599	12.579	1.980	2.304

Supporting notes to the above statements

1. The agencies of Centrelink and Medicare Australia were integrated into the Department of Human Services (DHS) from 1 July 2011. The Department of Human Services now comprises of Centrelink, Medicare Australia, Child Support Agency (CSA) and Commonwealth Rehabilitation Service (CRS).
2. Since 2008-09, Centrelink, Medicare Australia and Child Support Agency have consistently performed better than the 2011-12 energy intensity targets set under the *Energy Efficiency in Government Operations* (EEGO) policy.
3. Electricity consumption and costs will vary across agencies due to differences in the:
 - a) nature and scale of business operations;
 - b) property sizes and locations;
 - c) processing demands on information and communications technology (ICT) equipment; and
 - d) variability in electricity pricing due to different electricity contracts.