



# Inquiry into annual and financial reports 2024–2025

## Answer to question taken on notice

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Asked by: Mr Shane Rattenbury

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**MR RATTENBURY:** So the ESR report.

**Ms Cheyne:** Yes.

**MR RATTENBURY:** I particularly wanted to ask about some lines in here. Pleased to see and acknowledge the use of some key fossil fuels declining so acknowledging JACS' progress on that. I did see electricity use went up materially for the agency, are we able to understand why that was the case?

**Mr Johnson:** Do you have a reference?

**MR RATTENBURY:** Yes, it is page 224 of the annual report if that helps. I am conscious some of these figures across the agency and probably emergency services.

**Mr Jonson:** I am proving myself incapable of using technology.

**Ms Cheyne:** No, no, I started it.

**Mr Johnson:** But, no, I do have the figures here in analogue form. I will momentarily look to the directorate and whether Aaron's got anything that he can add more substantively to this, and the answer is perhaps no. Maybe the answer best is taken on notice but I would say but, of course, it was particularly cold winter and so consequently things like heating and so forth, the AMC is primarily one of our biggest absorbers of energy, but I intend to take it on notice to find you more detail about what the driver might be of that increase.

**MR RATTENBURY:** Thank you. And there was a, again in a positive frame, a very significant reduction in the use of liquid petroleum gas. Can you outline for us how that was achieved?

**Mr Johnson:** I think we will need to take that on notice as well because we will have

taken some gas supplies offline somewhere but we will need to know exactly where so we will need to come back to you off—

**MR RATTENBURY:** Yes, no, the LPG is slightly different to piped gas.

**Mr Johnson:** So absolutely need to come back to you, I will take it on notice.

**MR RATTENBURY:** Okay. Thank you. My next one relates to the vehicle fleet. It is listed that JACS continues to have 230 internal combustion engine vehicles. Again, I am mindful, quite a few of those are presumably with ESA. Do you have an actual breakdown of the fleet? And the question I particularly want to understand is JACS' progress in transitioning on standard vehicles to zero emission vehicles. I think we all appreciate fire trucks and that are more challenging, all those kinds of things. Certainly, I do not want to get into that space, because that is, I think, been flogged like a dead horse in an unfair way, but that is a different discussion. I would like to understand how you are going with your sort of standard vehicles in moving to zero emission vehicles in the fleet.

**Mr Johnson:** The short answer is, I think, again, I will need to take it on notice to break those down. I do know we have made reasonable grounds in terms of standard vehicles and charges that have been placed in buildings where standard vehicles can be plugged in. And I know in Corrections basement, there is all sorts of new charges and the vehicles to be charged on them. So the progress is being made there. I think you are right to reflect on the fact some of the vehicles in, for example, the PSA fleet, will probably for a while still have some degree of combustion, as opposed to electronics. But I will need to take it on notice to get a breakdown of the fleet and the progress towards that, just to be accurate.

**MR RATTENBURY:** Thank you. And my last question in this space is, we see a 3.6 per cent increase in the waste to landfill from the agency, probably on notice. Can I find out why? Again, that is quite a significant increase for the agency. Do we have any explanation of what drove that increase?

**Mr Johnson:** We will definitely need to take that on notice because I will need to think about what is—I will need to take into account what is in that and what is out of it. There could be a range of reasons for that. So yes.

**MS TARA CHEYNE MLA:** The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

1. Electricity consumption rose by 2.8% compared to the previous year, primarily due to the Justice and Community Safety Directorate's transition toward electrification. This shift included replacing natural gas and LPG systems with electric alternatives and supporting the growing number of zero-emission and plug-in hybrid vehicles, which required additional charging infrastructure. Normal operational factors such as occupancy and HVAC loads also contributed. Overall, the increase reflects decarbonisation efforts.
2. The reduction in LPG consumption resulted from the progressive replacement of LPG-fuelled equipment with electric systems, consistent with the Justice and Community Safety Directorate's decarbonisation objectives. This change aligns with the observed decline in natural gas use and the corresponding rise in electricity consumption, confirming a deliberate move away from fossil fuels toward cleaner energy sources as part of a planned sustainability strategy.
3. The Justice and Community Safety Directorate fleet currently includes 230 internal combustion engine (ICE) vehicles, 21 battery electric vehicles, 23 plug-in hybrids, and 4 hybrids, totalling 278 vehicles. Over recent reporting periods, ICE vehicles have steadily decreased while zero-emission

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and hybrid vehicles have increased. This progress reflects a structured “replace-on-expiry” approach, prioritising electric models in new leases to meet government sustainability targets.

4. The 3.6% increase in waste to landfill was driven by several factors:
- a. Addition of a new Emergency Services Agency facility at Mitchell.
  - b. Clean-up activities at vacated SES and RFS sites, including Gungahlin JESC and Majura.
  - c. Higher waste volumes at Allara, Nara, and 220 London Circuit due to increased staff presence.
  - d. Growth in detainee population, contributing to overall waste generation.

Collectively, these operational changes explain the reported rise in landfill waste.

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