

APPENDIX 9: OTHER REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

ADVERTISING AND MARKET RESEARCH

The Tribunal did not undertake any advertising campaigns in 2013–14.

Non-campaign advertising expenditure of \$1,041.18 (incl GST) was paid to Adcorp Australia for advertising employment vacancies in 2013–14. Amounts paid for non-campaign advertising in the last three reporting periods is shown in Table A9.1.

Table A9.1 Trends in non-campaign advertising

Year	Organisation	Cost (incl GST)
2011–12	Adcorp Australia	\$13,949.97
2012–13	Adcorp Australia	\$38,524.29
2013–14	Adcorp Australia	\$1,041.18

The Tribunal did not pay any amounts to market research, polling or direct mailing organisations during the reporting year.

ECOLOGICALLY SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENTAL PERFORMANCE

The Tribunal is a review body and therefore does not administer policy that has a major effect on the environment.

When arranging new leases and refurbishments, the Tribunal gives consideration to the principles of ecologically sustainable development: the new lease for the Canberra Registry, signed in February 2014, includes a Green Lease Schedule. The specification for the fit-out for the new Canberra Registry premises included provisions for environmentally sensitive inclusions such as sensor-controlled lighting and dual-flush cisterns.

The Tribunal limits its impact on the environment in day-to-day administrative functions by implementing simple measures such as switching off lights, recycling office waste and encouraging leasing of vehicles with a high Green Vehicle Guide rating. The Tribunal also participates in awareness raising activities such as Earth Hour.

Table A9.2 Environmental performance reporting

Theme	Steps taken to reduce effect	Measures to review and improve reducing the effect
Energy efficiency	Asking staff to switch off lights when offices and meeting rooms are not in use. Energy ratings of office machines are a consideration when replacement is necessary.	General energy consumption across all registries rose by 3.5% during the reporting year.
Vehicles	Ensuring that the average Green rating of the Tribunal's leased vehicles is as high as possible.	The Tribunal's one leased vehicle as at 30 June 2014 has a Green rating of 15.5.
Waste	Using office waste recycling schemes.	All registries recycle paper. Two registries also recycle glass, plastics and metals, and two other registries recycle toner cartridges. The Adelaide Registry also recycles comingled, organic and battery materials. As the Tribunal uses whole-of-building recycling schemes, separate data on recycling quantities is not currently available.
Water	The Tribunal installs water saving devices such as dual-flush cisterns and waterless urinals in any updates to premises.	The Tribunal is not able to access data on water consumption in each of its tenancies, as there are no separate water meters.

GRANTS PROGRAMS

The Tribunal does not administer any grants programs.

CHANGES TO DISABILITY REPORTING IN ANNUAL REPORTS

Since 1994, Commonwealth departments and agencies have reported on their performance as policy adviser, purchaser, employer, regulator and provider under the Commonwealth Disability Strategy. In 2007–08, reporting on the employer role was transferred to the Australian Public Service Commission's State of the Service Report and the APS Statistical Bulletin. These reports are available at www.apsc.gov.au. From 2010–11, departments and agencies have no longer been required to report on these functions.

The Commonwealth Disability Strategy has been overtaken by the National Disability Strategy 2010–2020, which sets out a ten year national policy framework to improve the lives of people with disability, promote participation and create a more inclusive society. A high level two-yearly report will track progress against each of the six outcome areas of the Strategy and present a picture of how people with disability are faring. The first of these reports will be available in late 2014, and can be found at www.dss.gov.au.