

# APPENDIX 9: OTHER REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

## **ADVERTISING AND MARKET RESEARCH**

The Tribunal did not undertake any advertising campaigns in 2012–13. Nor did it conduct any market research in the reporting period.

Non-campaign advertising expenditure of \$38,524 (inclusive of GST) was paid to Adcorp Australia for advertising employment vacancies in 2012–13. This includes advertising for the recruitment of new members that was paid by the Attorney-General's Department on the Tribunal's behalf.

## **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. The Tribunal gives consideration to the principles of ecologically sustainable development when arranging new leases and refurbishments. No leases were due in 2012–13, nor were any major refurbishments undertaken.

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

**Table A9.1** 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 fell by a small amount during the reporting year.
Vehicles	Ensuring that the average Green rating of the Tribunal's leased vehicles is as high as possible.	Of the Tribunal's two leased vehicles as at 30 June 2013, one has a Green rating of 9.5 and the other has a Green rating of 15.5. Petrol consumption fell during the reporting year to 9.5 litres per 100km.
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 recycles paper, 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](http://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 a new National Disability Strategy 2010–2020 which sets out a ten year national policy framework to improving 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 2014, and will be available at [www.fahcsia.gov.au](http://www.fahcsia.gov.au).

The Social Inclusion Measurement and Reporting Strategy agreed by the Government in December 2009 will also include some reporting on disability matters in its regular *How Australia is Faring* report and, if appropriate, in strategic change indicators in agency Annual Reports. More detail on social inclusion matters can be found at [www.socialinclusion.gov.au](http://www.socialinclusion.gov.au).