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## Other reporting requirements

### Advertising and market research

The AAT did not undertake any advertising campaigns in 2014–15.

Non-campaign advertising expenditure of \$196.90 (incl. GST) was paid to Mitchell & Partners Australia for advertising employment vacancies in 2014–15. 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)
2012–13	Adcorp Australia	\$38,524.29
2013–14	Adcorp Australia	\$1,041.18
2014–15	Mitchell & Partners Australia	\$196.90

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

### 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 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](http://www.dss.gov.au).

### Ecologically sustainable development and environmental performance

The AAT does not develop or administer legislation or policy relating to the environment but takes steps to ensure our operations are undertaken in an environmentally sustainable way.

When arranging new leases and refurbishments, we give consideration to the principles of ecologically sustainable development. The AAT's Long Term Accommodation Masterplan, adopted in May 2015, states a preference for leases in buildings with NABERS ratings of at least 4.5 and refers to compliance with a range of policies, including the Energy Efficiency in Government Operations Policy, ICT Sustainability Plan 2010–2015 and the National Waste

Policy. The AAT signed a lease for new premises in Sydney on 30 June 2015 which includes the required Green Lease Schedule and is in a building with a NABERS rating of 5.

We also limit our impact on the environment in day-to-day operations by implementing simple measures such as ensuring lights are switched off when not required, ensuring any leased vehicles have a high Green Vehicle Guide rating and recycling office waste.

**Table A9.2 Environmental performance reporting**

THEME	STEPS TAKEN TO REDUCE EFFECT	MEASURES TO REVIEW AND IMPROVE REDUCING THE EFFECT
Energy efficiency	<p>Install sensor-controlled lighting in any updates to premises.</p> <p>Consider energy ratings of office machines when replacement is necessary.</p>	General energy consumption fell by three per cent during the reporting year.
Vehicles	Ensure the average Green Vehicle Guide rating of the AAT's leased vehicles is as high as possible.	The AAT's one leased vehicle as at 30 June 2015 has a rating of 14.
Waste	Participate in office waste recycling schemes.	<p>All registries recycled paper during the reporting year.</p> <p>Two registries also recycled glass, plastics and metals, and two other registries recycled toner cartridges.</p> <p>The Adelaide Registry recycled paper, comingled, organic and battery materials.</p> <p>As the AAT uses whole-of-building recycling schemes, separate data on recycling quantities is not currently available.</p>
Water	Install water saving devices such as dual-flush cisterns and waterless urinals in any updates to premises.	The AAT is not able to access data on water consumption in each of its tenancies.

## GRANTS PROGRAMS

The AAT does not administer any grants programs.