

OTHER REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

This section should be read in conjunction with ARENA's audited financial statements for 2017-18, which appear in the financial statements section of this annual report.

Legal expenditure

ARENA outsources all legal work. During 2017-18 ARENA incurred \$2,274,995 (excluding GST) in external legal service expenditure. ARENA reported the expenditure to the Office of Legal Services Coordination as required under the Legal Services Directions 2017.

Material matters

ARENA did not have any 'material' matters disclosed in the financial statements as defined in paragraph 7 of the Public Governance, Performance and Accountability (Financial Reporting) Rule 2015.

Related entity transactions

An ARENA Board member is a non-executive Board member of Right Angle Business Services Pty Ltd. During the reporting period ARENA entered into the following transactions:

- > grant payments totalling \$322,505 were made to Right Angle Business Services Pty Ltd for the purpose of developing a concentrating solar thermal roadmap.

A partner of one of ARENA's key management personnel is a Director of Planet Innovation Pty Ltd. During the reporting period ARENA entered into the following transactions:

- > grant payments totalling \$647,955 were made to Planet Innovation Pty Ltd for the ZenHQ Virtual Power Plant project.

The partner is also a Director on the Board of Origin Energy LPG Ltd and was a Director on the Board of Zen Ecosystems until May 2018. No financial transactions occurred during the reporting period.

An ARENA Board member is a non-executive Board member of Hydro-Electric Corporation. During the reporting period ARENA entered into the following transactions:

- > grant payments totalling \$3,013,679 were provided to Hydro-Electric Corporation during the reporting period. The transactions were for several projects including Flinders Island Hybrid Energy Hub and the Tasmanian Hydropower System feasibility study.

These arrangements were entered into prior to this Board member being appointed to ARENA on 17 April 2018.

A non continuing ARENA Board member is the Chair of the Board for the Australian Alliance for Energy Productivity Ltd (A2EP). During the reporting period ARENA entered into the following transactions:

- > \$6,058 was provided in respect of professional services.

Service level agreement

The Portfolio Department provides corporate support for ARENA's day-to-day operations, with a service level agreement setting out the services to be provided by the Department to ARENA along with the applicable services standard. The service level agreement is subject to six-monthly review. Following the review of the agreement in 2017-18, the updated agreement will be executed early in 2018-19.

Subsidiaries

ARENA did not have any subsidiaries during 2016-17.

Environmental performance

Appendix 2 sets out ARENA's performance against section 516A of the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999*.