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Department of Human Services

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Question:

Senator CAMERON: Can I just get a clarification, Mr Sterrenberg, about the ISIS system. In 2004 I think it was the former Treasurer and then Minister for Human Services, Joe Hockey, who signed the ongoing technical agreement for ISIS, didn't he? How long was that agreement for—10 years?

Ms Campbell: I think you might be talking about the contract with Rocket Software.

Senator CAMERON: Who was that?

Ms Campbell: It would have probably been the chief executive officer of the then Centrelink, but we can take that on notice and come back to you.

Senator CAMERON: The minister would have had to approve that.

Ms Campbell: We can take that on notice. I am not sure what the arrangements were in 2004.

Senator CAMERON: I think you might have given evidence on that before, actually. I think you did indicate that the contract was done under Joe Hockey.

Ms Campbell: It may have been when Mr Hockey was the Minister for Human Services.

Senator CAMERON: If you can just revisit that, I am pretty sure it was. I am pretty sure the evidence you gave last time—and it was Mr Sterrenberg who had all the details—was that in 2004 it was a 10-year contract.

Mr Sterrenberg: Yes, I believe so.

Answer:

On 1 March 2004 Sue Vardon, Chief Executive Officer of Centrelink, signed an Agreement between the Commonwealth of Australia represented by Centrelink and Computer Corporation of America (the predecessor of Rocket Software Inc) covering the period from 1 October 2003 and expiring on 14 June 2014.