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Topic: Digital Enterprise Program Evaluation

Senator PRATT asked: Will the evaluation be publicly released?

Mr Rizvi: That will be a matter for the minister.

Senator PRATT: Nine sectors have signed to deliver digital business kits. All are due to be released by July 2014. Can you advise progress on each of these kits and if they will also be delivered on time?

Mr Rizvi: My understanding is that they are all on time for the first phase of the kits to be delivered in July. I would have to take on notice precisely where each of the nine is up to, but I can provide that on notice.

Senator PRATT: Hopefully, with the way answers go, they may well have arrived before then. **Mr Rizvi:** The program is on track. We are dealing with each of the nine industry bodies. They are developing their kits. Each of the kits we have seen. They are in pretty good shape. We think it will be July.

Senator PRATT: Take that on notice.

Answer: All Digital Business Kit deliverables to date have been met by each industry body and include project plans; preliminary knowledge/skills gap analyses, a publicly available telework module for Telework Week, and a June 2014 project update report.

Each of the nine industry bodies have submitted draft Digital Business Kits for quality assurance review by the Department prior to them going live in the near future.