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Senator URQUHART asked:

Senator URQUHART: I take you to table 3.2.5 on page 248 of the PBS. There is a line for the purchase of non-financial assets. This line shows \$2.01 million per year until it jumps to \$2.322 million in 2017-18. Can you explain it?

Mr Nicholas: I would have to get a full description of those. I do not have any specifics here. If I can take that on notice, I can break that down.

Senator URQUHART: Take that on notice. Are you likely to be able to get that back to us over the next day or so?

Mr Nicholas: Yes, we can do our best.

Answer:

Purchase of non-financial assets include computer hardware, furniture and fittings and internally developed and purchased computer software. The increase in the estimated spend from \$2.01 million to \$2.322 million represents a minor additional cost for replacement of some of the non-financial assets in 2017-18.