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AGENCY/DEPARTMENT: DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY

TOPIC: Shared resources following MOG changes

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1. Following the Machinery of Government changes does the department share any goods/services/accommodation with other departments?
2. What resources/services does the department share with other departments; are there plans to cease sharing the sharing of these resources/services?
3. What were the costs to the department prior to the Machinery of Government changes for these shared resources? What are the estimated costs after the ceasing of shared resource arrangements?

ANSWER

1. Yes, the Department of Industry shares goods/services/accommodation with other departments.
2. As a result of the machinery of government changes, there are a range of services that the Department of Industry both provides and receives from other departments. These include accommodation, ICT and various corporate services (information management, payroll systems, human resource management, and personnel security). There is no immediate plan to cease the current arrangements; however these arrangements are subject to ongoing operational requirements and are assessed on an informal basis.
3. The costs of shared services are part of the normal running costs of the Department. The estimated cost after the ceasing of a shared service is considered on a case by case basis when a decision is made.