

Senate Economics Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Treasury Portfolio

Supplementary Budget Estimates

2014 - 2015

Department/Agency: ACCC

Question: SBT 853-861

Topic: Cloud Services and Storage

Reference: written - 30 October 2014

Senator: Ludwig, Joe

Question:

853. Is the department using or planning to use cloud digital services (e.g. storage, computer software access etc)? If yes:
854. What date did/will cloud services be deployed in the department?
855. Please provide a list of all cloud services in use or being considered for use.
856. How much do these services cost? Please break down by service.
857. How much cloud storage (in gigabytes) is available for departmental use? What percentage of the available total is in use?
858. How much does this cloud storage cost per month?
859. What security arrangements are in place to protect cloud based services and storage?
860. Have any security analysts been employed / contracted to advise on the implementation and upkeep of these security arrangements?
861. What has been the cost of security for the cloud? Please provide a breakdown.

Answer:

853. Yes.
854. 1 July 2012.
855. Website hosting; hosting of an online consultation tool; IT project tracking (software as a service).
856. Website hosting \$82,200 per year; online consultation tool hosting \$5,000 per year; IT project tracking \$36,000 per year (noting this also includes software licensing costs which are not provided separately to hosting costs).
857. The ACCC does not use cloud services specifically for data storage.
858. Not applicable.
859. Risk assessments are conducted prior to establishing new cloud services.
860. No security analysts have been engaged specifically to provide advice on cloud services. The ACCC's IT Security Advisor provides advice on cloud services as required.
861. Not available.