

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
—Additional Estimates Hearing—February 2016**

Answers to Questions on Notice

Parliamentary departments, Department of Parliamentary Services

Topic: **Security upgrade expenditure**

Question: **163**

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Senator WONG: Can I ask you to have a look at question on notice 51—do you have that?

Mr Yanitsas: I do.

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Mr Yanitsas: As at 31 December, approximately \$4.9 million has been spent, with \$13 million capex committed.

Senator WONG: That does not make sense, because your answer as at December 2015 was that \$7.6 million had been spent. Are these not cumulative figures? You cannot go backwards.

Mr Yanitsas: I did not give that evidence.

Senator WONG: No, but your department did and it is in writing, so can someone explain to me why it is different?

Mr Yanitsas: I would say there is a mixture of capex and opex in there.

Senator WONG: Let's come back to this, then. Can you go away and work it out. I want capex and opex. I want to be able to compare apples with apples, because the answer you just gave me suggests that you had spent less in December than you had spent in October, which is—

Mr Yanitsas: I can do that.

Senator WONG: Thank you. Can we come back to this with a clear understanding. I would like cumulative figures. I do not mind if you want to break it down into component parts, but I do want to get an understanding of what the apples-and-apples comparison would be.

Mr Yanitsas: Certainly. I can give you now, as at 31 December, the spend in capex and opex, but I would have to go back and reconcile the evidence that was given.

Senator WONG: Okay. Why don't you do that. Thank you.

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Senator WONG: So this number here, the \$14.4 million—

Mr Yanitsas: Again, that would be a mixture, I would imagine, of capex and opex. But I can go back and get a reconciliation for you, as at 30 October, if that is the correct—

Senator WONG: Can you also give me an indication of what you are including in capex and opex?

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Mr Yanitsas: Capex at the moment is purely my trade costs, so construction costs. My opex are my consultant costs.

Senator WONG: And departmental staff associated with managing the project et cetera—is that separately costed at all?

Mr Yanitsas: They are costed from the project.

Senator WONG: Under opex, I assume?

Mr Yanitsas: Administered opex.

Senator WONG: Are you able to provide a table which sets out the different categories of expenditure associated with the projects?

Mr Yanitsas: Certainly.

Answer

Please note that both the evidence presented in the transcript above and the response to Question on Notice No. 51 from Supplementary Budget Estimates 2015 have been corrected and sent to the Committee secretary on 31 March 2016.

Expenditure as at 31 October 2015 was \$6.098 million. Total expenditure as at 31 December 2015 was \$9.3 million. As at 31 December 2015 \$4.886 million was expended in capex and \$4.423 million in opex.

| Category | 31 October 15 | | 31 December 2015 | |
|--------------|---------------|------------|------------------|------------|
| | Expenditure | Commitment | Expenditure | Commitment |
| Admin. Capex | \$2.5m | \$13.7m | \$4.9m | \$13.7m |
| Opex | \$3.6m | \$5.1m | \$4.4m | \$5.1m |
| Total | \$6.1m | \$18.8m | \$9.3m | \$18.9m |