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Senator: Senator the Hon. Jenny McAllister

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Question:

Senator McALLISTER: In terms of what you are expecting to spend on the projects that have been initiated—for example, the Medicare enrolment project—is your expenditure to date sitting at forecast, above forecast or below forecast?

Mr Del Rio: I do not think I have that level of detail with me but I can have a quick look for you. I would say generally that they would be within forecast. On that one, for example, I do not have that level of information with me.

Senator McALLISTER: It would be useful if you could provide, for each of the projects which are current for the DTO, the forecast allocation of resources, including internal staff resources and funding for contractors or other services for the whole project, and an assessment about the extent to which those projects that are on foot are within that budget envelope or how they are progressing against that budget envelope.

Answer:

The DTO internal budget for the relevant period was organised by cost centre rather than by project. Consequently providing forecasting for individual projects is not possible at this stage, however the DTO's budget is within forecast overall and no individual project is effecting that status.