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Question:

Senator McALLISTER: In this period where this first module goes live, are you hoping to engage all agencies simultaneously? Do they all switch it on on 27 July and start entering their data?

Mr Sheridan: Without getting into the very fine detail, we will open it initially for a small number of agencies for a short period to make sure those things work. Then we will open it for the rest of them. As you pointed out, there is a very limited time frame in order to do that work, so we cannot slow it down, particularly.

Senator McALLISTER: Who is going first?

Mr Sheridan: The department will and some other agencies.

Senator McALLISTER: And you cannot nominate those for me here?

Mr Sheridan: I would have to take that on notice.

Answer:

It is currently planned that the Departments of Social Services and Human Services will access the redeveloped CBMS before 26 July 2017.