

Senate Economics Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

TREASURY

Australian Taxation Office

(Budget Estimates 2 June 2005)

Outcome 2

Topic: DOFA monitoring of major IT projects

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Senator Lundy asked:

Can the ATO confirm that the Department of Finance is monitoring major IT projects within the ATO?

What information is the ATO required to provide to DoFA as part of this monitoring and/or normal information sharing?

Answer:

The Tax Office has recently undertaken to report back to the Department of Finance and Administration on the 'Rebuilding Superannuation Systems' project.

The Tax Office received approval, as part of the 2005-06 budget process, to increase its capital budget by \$40 million, over three years, to reflect the 'Rebuilding Superannuation Systems' project.

The approval given was subject to further information being provided to the Department of Finance and Administration on completion of the detailed design phase of the project. This additional information will include the full scope of the project, a full risk assessment, the estimated cost of the project and the timing of the various milestones.