AGENCY/DEPARTMENT: DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY, INNOVATION, SCIENCE, RESEARCH AND TERTIARY EDUCATON

TOPIC: ICT Systems to continue to be provided by DEEWR

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Senator COLBECK: Your projected finalisation date for the ICT is September?
Ms Weston: That is correct, bearing in mind some of the activities will continue on by DEEWR under MOUs.
Senator COLBECK: What sorts of things will stay with DEEWR.
Ms Weston: I might ask my colleague to answer that.
Mr Stirling: The number of activities that will continue to be provided by DEEWR under MOU arrangements are largely related to some of the larger systems that have been hosted by DEEWR for some period of time. Those systems are quite intermeshed with DEEWR's SAP financial processing system. The decision was made that it was actually quite onerous and expensive to disentangle that, and it made more sense from a financial perspective to continue that arrangement on an ongoing basis with DEEWR hosting those services.
Senator COLBECK: What sorts of programs are we talking about?
Mr Stirling: There is a whole range of systems that underpin the operations of the tertiary skills and international cluster of divisions.
Senator COLBECK: Is it possible for you to give us a list of those on notice?
Ms Weston: Of course.

ANSWER

Of the numerous systems that underpin the operations of the Tertiary Skills and International Cluster, the following list details systems anticipated to be maintained within the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations' ICT environment under MOU arrangements:

Division	System	Description
Higher Education	HEIMS *(Higher Education Information Management System)*	System to manage Higher Education data collections (Includes HEIMS Client Tool, HEIMS Load Tool and SELs *(Significant Event Log)* process). Used by Higher Education Group to manage commonwealth HELP *(Higher Education Loan Programme)* programs, collect and validate data used to determine payments to Higher Education Providers and manage data used to undertake policy analysis
Higher Education	HEIMS Online	Provides access to HEIMS management reports, verification process and reports and HEIMS view

Higher Education	HEIMS (Admin)	Supports the management of CHESSN *(Commonwealth Higher Education Student Support Number)* and Commonwealth Scholarships
Higher Education	HEPCAT *(Higher Education Client Assistance Tool)*	Application used by Higher Education Providers to validate and submit Higher Education data to HEIMS
Higher Education	HEPAC *(Higher Education Provider Approval and Compliance)*	System to manage Higher Education Provider approval and compliance
Higher Education	HEES *(Higher Education Estimates System)*	The estimates data is used to prepare program and financial reports and to generate ad hoc reports about historical, current or future funding
Higher Education	UniPay	A system to manage Higher Education payments, including defining milestones and payment schedules, and the issuing of payments to the Higher Education sector
Higher Education	MyUniversity	This website provides students with a broad range of information about Australian universities and other higher education providers
Higher Education	StudyAssist	This website to inform students about University offers and options
Higher Education	myUniAssist	This system enables University student users to login to view their entitlement, limit and usage information for HECS-HELP *(Higher Education Contribution Scheme – Higher Education Loan Programme)*, FEE-HELP *(Fee – Higher Education Loan Programme)* , OS-HELP *(Overseas – Higher Education Loan Programme)*, Commonwealth Scholarships, HECS-HELP *(Higher Education Contribution Scheme – Higher Education Loan Programme)* Benefit and SA-HELP *(Student Services and Amenities Fee – Higher Education Loan Programme)* assistance where relevant
Higher Education	OLT Portal/BIMS *(Office for Learning and Teaching Portal/Business Information Management System)*	The Business information workflow system facilitates the Australian Learning and Teaching Council Grants and Awards processes
International	PRISMS	PRISMS supports the management of Australia's

	(Provider Registration and International Students Management System)	international education sector, with approximately 490,000 students from more than 190 countries currently studying in Australia. It is connected to the Department of Immigration and Citizenship via Fedlink for the exchange of student enrolments and student Visa messages
International	Endeavour Online Awards	The system supports the merit-based scholarship program for non Australian citizens to undertake study, research and professional development in Australia; and for Australians to do the same overseas
International	Alumni Network	This enables Endeavour Online award recipients to maintain person, institutional and educational links
International	ASDOT *(Assessment Subsidy for Disadvantaged Overseas Trained)*	This system supports the Assessment Subsidy For Overseas Trained Professionals
International	AusLIST	The AusLIST system provides an online database system to Australian institutions to list the courses they deliver outside of Australia
International	CRICOS *(Commonwealth Register of Courses and Institutions for Overseas Students)*	This website enables people studying in Australia on student visas to search for approved educational institutions and courses
International	Qrims *(Qualifications Recognition Information Management System)*	This system supports Qualification Recognition Information Management
International	Student Exchange	Supports the management of international student exchange programs
International	AEI Online	e-commerce application allowing AEI Group to sell their products and services on the internet
Skills	TYIMS *(Training and Youth Internet Management System)*	The Australian Apprenticeship program management system records details of the Training Contracts between apprentices, employers and Australian Apprenticeship Centres, and allows for the lodgement and payment of claims to all parties
Skills	Access Online (VETSS) *(Vocational Education Training*	This system supports the management of the Australian Apprenticeships Access Program, which contracts providers to assist eligible job seekers with pre-vocational training, support and assistance

	Shared Services)	
Skills	LLNP Online *(Language, Literacy and Numeracy Program)*	The Language, Literacy and Numeracy Program management system enables the referral of eligible participants to LLNP courses, recording of outcomes and payment to LLNP providers
Skills	WELL Online *(Workplace English Language and Literacy)*	The Workplace English Language and Literacy program management system enables WELL providers to train workers in English language, literacy and numeracy skills
Skills	VITS *(VET FEE HELP IT System)*	The VET Fee Help program management system supports approved Registered Training Organisations to assist eligible student's access loans to cover the cost of eligible VET courses of study
Skills	Skills System	This system is scheduled to go live in early 2012/13 to initially support the Critical Skills Investment Fund and the National Workforce Development Fund.
Skills	PPPIMS *(Productivity Places Program Information Management System)*	This system supports the management of the Productivity Places Program. Program payments ceased in December 2011, but reporting will continue until 2013
Skills	TED Online *(Tertiary Education Online Service Portal)*	This portal supports application submission and assessment for various business initiatives and grants programs
Skills	TRADES II *(TRADES Version 2)*	This system is used to manage the work of Trades Recognition Australia in processing applications for skills assessments by Australian citizens, residents and potential migrants to Australia.