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TOPIC: Websites

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Mr Pennifold: The resources that we have devoted to websites since 2008, I think, have been impacted on by the Gershon requirements, but at the same time additional duties have come to the department that have resulted in additional work on those existing websites. Most of them were already there in one form or another. The task that is in front of us as a result of the machinery-of-government changes is to develop a transition strategy to bring most of the former DEEWR websites across into the Innovation space. Now, some of those are intranet sites or content-only sites which we can readily accommodate on existing platforms. Some are more interactive sites, and we are working through with our colleagues in DEEWR just how to transition those across and what the right technology is to do that. So that is work that is ahead of us.

Senator COLBECK: Do you have a project plan and a time frame to complete that work?

Mr Pennifold: We are developing that project at the moment. My colleague is involved in the development of that plan and advises that some of the movements will be very straightforward where it is really just content, but others are more complicated. We are still working through the timing of the transition for those more complicated sites, so we do not have an end date on that at this point in time.

Senator COLBECK: Okay. So what proportion, roughly, are easy and what proportion are more complicated?

Mr Pennifold: We have a sense of that. The majority of them will be relatively straightforward, but part of developing the project plan is to discover exactly how complex the task is going to be. If you would like, I could take that on notice.

ANSWER

Forty-five websites have been identified to be transferred as part of the Machinery of Government changes announced in December 2011. Approximately 60 per cent of these websites will be moved onto the department's web platform. A further 30 per cent are delivered by third parties on behalf of the department. The remaining 10 per cent are technically complex by virtue of the fact they are closely integrated with ICT systems within DEEWR and will continue to be delivered by DEEWR under a Memorandum of Understanding.