

**SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON  
EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE  
ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES 2008-09**

**Outcome: All**

**DEEWR Question No. EW1083\_09**

Senator Cash asked on Wednesday 25 February, EEWWR Hansard page 4.

**Question**

*Redundant Internet Connection*

Senator CASH—Where is this particular redundant internet connection located?

Mr Archer—We have a number of data centres in the ACT. I would need to check which of those data centres was providing that redundant service. It will be in north Canberra, though.

Senator CASH—My understanding is that \$42,000 has been spent on this connection. Why has \$42,000 been spent on it?

Mr Archer—I would have to take that on notice.

**Answer**

The payments were made for backup (secondary or fail-over) data line connections to the internet gateway located at the department's Dickson and Bruce Data centres.

The payment was data line connectivity to ensure that the department's critical internet based systems supporting educational institutions and students could continue to operate in the event of a disruption to the primary connection.