

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

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Question

Shared resources

1. Following the Machinery of Government changes does the department share any goods/services/accommodation with other departments?
2. What resources/services does the department share with other departments; are there plans to cease the sharing of these resources/services?
3. What were the costs to the department prior to the Machinery of Government changes for these shared resources? What are the estimated costs after the ceasing of shared resource arrangements?

Answer

Following the Machinery of Government changes the Department of Employment will be sharing a broad range of corporate services with the Department of Education. The services shared (with examples) are outlined below:

- Information and Communication Technology (desktop and infrastructure)
- finance (accounts payable, procurement)
- human resources (payroll and recruitment)
- workplace services (accommodation and security)
- information services (records management and library)
- communication services (website design and publishing)
- assurance (fraud investigations, continuity, IT security)

Some accommodation will be shared with the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet and the Department of Social Services. The sharing of accommodation will be partly transitional as the new MOG arrangements are implemented, with some accommodation shared in the longer term.

The scope and level of services, and therefore their costs, to the sharing departments remain the same as before the MOG changes in September 2013. There are savings from not duplicating the services in each department.