

**SENATE EMPLOYMENT, WORKPLACE RELATIONS AND EDUCATION  
LEGISLATION COMMITTEE**

**2003-2004 BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING – 2 and 3 JUNE 2003**

**EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS PORTFOLIO**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**Outcome: 1 An effectively functioning labour market**

**Question Number: W079-04**

**Question:**

Senator George Campbell asked, in relation to table 3.2 (page 54 of the 2003-04 PBS):

How much of the increase of \$17 million in the value of infrastructure, plant & equipment is related to Job Network?

**Answer:**

The value of infrastructure, plant & equipment in the budget and forward years reflects an estimated allowance for ongoing IT replacement as a part of a rolling programme (capital plan) and includes replacement of all the department's computer systems. The management of assets through a capital plan ensures a sustainable functioning platform and office, which meets the needs of our business (the effective delivery of Government programmes and policy).

While the capital plan anticipates IT replacement requirements in the forward years it is implemented flexibly to allow the department to meet changing priorities as a result of new work processes or changes in workload. Consequently, identifying how much of the estimated increase relates to Job Network prior to the commencement of the year would not take into account the impact of this flexibility inherent in implementing the capital plan, although the majority of the increase would most likely relate to Job Network systems.