EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE - QUESTIONS ON NOTICE 2005-2006 SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES HEARING

Outcome:ALLOutput Group:ALL

DEST Question No. E494_06 - Final

Senator Conroy provided in writing.

Question:

Please provide details of any ICT projects that have been commissioned by the Department/organisation during the past 12 months that have failed to meet designated project time frames (ie have failed to satisfy agreed milestones by agreed dates).

- a. For such projects that were not completed on schedule, please provide details of:
 - i. The extent of any delay;
 - ii. The reasons these projects were not completed on time;
 - iii. Any contractual remedies sought by the Department/organisation as a result of these delays (eg penalty payments).

Answer:

Performance of Information Technology Outsourcing Arrangements

In relation to Information Technology outsourcing arrangements and projects the answers are:

Department of Education, Science and Training

Nil

AIATSIS has provided the following response.

Nil

AIMS has provided the following response.

Not applicable.

ANSTO has provided the following response.

The table below show projects that were not completed on schedule. For all projects, delays were encountered due to a high number of unexpected staff vacancies during the period and a focus of activities in support of the construction of OPAL. No vendor failed to meet their contractual arrangements.

| Description | Commenced | Value | Comment |
|--|-----------|--------|--------------------|
| Brocade SAN Fabric | 30/07/04 | \$31k | 50% commissioned |
| Veritas Volume Virtualisation Software upgrade version 4.1 | 28/04/05 | \$32k | To be commissioned |
| NetApp 920c Storage appliance | 13/12/04 | \$114k | 25% in use |
| NetApp R200 storage appliance | 31/05/05 | \$174k | 5% in use |
| Legato Email Archiving solution | 31/05/05 | \$75k | To be commissioned |
| SUN v880 SAP server | 27/04/05 | \$48k | To be commissioned |
| VMWare infrastructure | 30/06/05 | \$75k | To be commissioned |
| ItSM (Service Desk solution) | 19/04/05 | \$50k | To be commissioned |
| Docushare v3 upgrade | 21/01/05 | \$27k | To be commissioned |
| Authentication Tokens | 29/06/04 | \$30k | To be commissioned |
| CISCO Switches/Server/ACS | 13/04/05 | \$50k | To be commissioned |
| PIX Firewalls | 20/06/05 | \$40k | To be commissioned |

ARC has provided the following response.

The ARC has not commissioned any Information and Communications Technology projects in the last 12 months that have failed to meet designated project time frames.

CSIRO has provided the following response.

CSIRO operated its own Information Technology operations during the last 12 months, i.e. it has not outsourced the IT function.