

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

**2005-2006 SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET SENATE ESTIMATES HEARING  
2 and 3 NOVEMBER 2005**

**EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS PORTFOLIO**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**Corporate**

**Output Group: IT Services**

**Question Number: W518-06**

**Question:**

Senator Conroy asked in writing:

***Information Technology Outsourcing Arrangements***

Please provide details of total departmental/organisational spending on Information and Communications Technology products and services during the last 12 months ? Please break down this spending by ICT function (eg communications, security, private network, websites).

**Answer:**

Not applicable. The Department of Employment and Workplace Relations does not obtain its ICT through the Information Technology Outsourcing Arrangements.

For Agencies answers refer attachment A.

## Attachment A

### **OFFICE OF THE EMPLOYMENT ADVOCATE**

Information Technology and Communication expenses (excluding internal salaries), for 2004-2005 are :

IT Systems	\$537,726
Licence fees	\$359,588
Data lines	\$75,128
Telephones	\$189,286
Depreciation - IT systems and equipment	\$239,787
	\$1,401,515

Capital expenditure on IT for 2004-2005:

Desktops, laptops, printers and monitors	\$276,018.19
Software	\$239,002.50

Further, DEWR provides the OEA with a range of services according to a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the two parties. The total cost to the OEA of those services in 2004-2005, which includes accommodation, IT, HR, Payroll, security, communications and others, is \$2.6m. There is no disaggregated figure covering the IT component alone.

### **AUSTRALIAN INDUSTRIAL REGISTRY**

**TABLE 1. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND COMMUNICATION EXPENDITURE 2004-05**

	Budget	Actual Expend	Variation
Information Technology			
Purchases	69,000	49,110	
Leases <sup>1</sup>	771,000	951,087	
Corporate Systems	350,000	356,790	
Maintenance, Development & Other <sup>2</sup>	439,000	245,233	
Total Information Technology	1,629,000	1,602,220	26,780
Communications			
Telephones	718,000	765,738	
External Data Lines	365,000	337,815	
Video Conferencing	146,000	128,226	
Total Communications	1,229,000	1,231,780	-2,780
<b>TOTAL INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND COMMUNICATIONS EXPENSES</b>	<b>2,858,000</b>	<b>2,834,000</b>	<b>24,000</b>

<sup>1</sup> includes advanced payments for new desktop lease

<sup>2</sup> desktop rollout contractor costs not paid until 2005-06

***COMCARE***

Comcare expenditure on ICT products and services in FY 2004-05 was \$5.4m. This included:

Software development	\$2.1m
Hardware and software maintenance	\$0.8m
Voice and data communications	\$0.6m
Consultants and contractors	\$0.9m
Depreciation	\$0.7m
Other	\$0.3m