

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**

**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**Finance and Administration Portfolio**

**Department of Finance and Administration**

Estimates 2004-05 –Additional written questions February 2005

**Question: F9**

**Outcome: Across Outcomes**

**Topic: Departmental Security Review**

**Written Question on Notice: 21 February 2005**

**Senator Faulkner asked:**

Senator FAULKNER—How much are you paying them?

Mr Suur—I do not have that information with me. We are in the process of identifying a DSD endorsed IT security expert to play that role, so that is a tender process that is currently under way. I cannot answer that part of the question. In relation to ASIO, I probably could give you a figure.

Senator FAULKNER—How much are you paying ASIO?

Mr Suur—I do not have that figure with me. I can provide you with that later.

Dr Watt—We are happy to take that on notice.

**Answer:**

The Commonwealth Protective Security Manual (2000) and the Australian Government Information Technology Security Manual (ACSI 33) provide the framework for a protective security environment for Australian Government agencies.

As part of this framework and in conjunction with Finance's Security Risk Management Plan, regular security reviews should be conducted. The Department last conducted a security review in 2001.

IT Security firm LogicaCMG has been engaged as part of a Departmental security review at a cost of \$55,500 (GST inclusive).

ASIO T4 Protective Security has also been engaged as part of the review at a cost of \$54,772 (GST inclusive).