

Senate Standing Committee on Finance and Public Administration

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Human Services Portfolio

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Question: HS1

Department/Agency: Centrelink

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Topic: Licensing costs for IBM WebSphere Tool

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SENATOR LUNDY asked on 13/02/07:

Senator LUNDY—Can you take it on notice to ask IBM what dollar figure they would put on their WebSphere licensing arrangement with Centrelink? I think it would be an interesting question to ask.

Mr Whalan—We can, but I think it would be difficult to answer, because they will charge different customers a different price.

ANSWER:

The standard prices for any Websphere software and all other IBM products are publicly available from IBM's website. However, IBM provides additional discounts depending on the size of the requirement, which can vary between customers. Enterprise customers (Mainframe Hardware and Software) such as Centrelink, typically attract the best available discount. IBM is not prepared to disclose its discount structure due to competitive market reasons.

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