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**SENATOR LUNDY** asked on 13/02/07:

**Senator LUNDY –** Do you know what [metadata] standards you are using?

**Mr Wadeson**—We have actually published quite a volume of what our metadata standards are.

**Senator LUNDY**—Right.

**Mr Wadeson**—We have done a lot of work in the space, but I would be the last to say I am an expert on that.

**Senator LUNDY**—I might just put on notice to get some more information about that—if they are open source standards and compliant with the requirements of the Australian Archives' electronic data standards and that sort of thing.

**Mr Wadeson**—We will take that on notice.

**ANSWER:**

Centrelink has implemented a number of metadata standards for the administration of various types of data artefacts:

- For resource discovery metadata (employed for searching and retrieving information on websites etc), Centrelink has adopted AS5044 and ANSI/NISO Z39.19.

- For business metadata for common business language, Centrelink has adopted ISO11179.

- For Records Management, the metadata standard used in Centrelink is the Australian Standard for Records Management AS ISO 15489. This is the National Archives of Australia endorsed standard.

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