

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee —Additional Estimates Hearing—February 2012

Answers to Questions on Notice

Parliamentary departments, Department of Parliamentary Services

Topic: **BAE**
Question: **59**
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1. The total cost of the BAE system was \$7 million. What was/is the cost of isolating the security aspect from the overall parliamentary computer network?
2. Will the security cameras still be connected, directly or indirectly, to the parliamentary computer network, notwithstanding this 'isolation'?
3. Mr Kenny indicated the security system would be isolated using 'new technology boxes' – what are these? How do they function?

Answer

1. The estimated cost of isolating the CCTV system from the Parliamentary Computing network (**PCN**) as part of the broader ICT network replacement program is approximately \$200,000.
2. The security cameras will be physically connected to the upgraded ICT network infrastructure. All other logical networks, including the PCN will also use this infrastructure. The technology will not permit traffic from one network to access another network. The threat risk assessment for the new network was conducted by an external IT security contractor and reviewed by the Defence Signals Directorate.
3. The new technology boxes are new generation network switches, which allow many logical functional networks to operate securely.