

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**

**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**Finance and Administration Portfolio**

**Department of Finance and Administration**

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**Question: F54**

**Outcome: 1, Output: 1.1**

**Topic: Projects that Finance has monitored**

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**Senator Lundy asked:**

What are examples of projects that Finance have monitored?

**Answer:**

The primary responsibility for monitoring IT costs and projects is with the CEO of each agency. Finance does not specifically monitor IT costs across all agencies. This is consistent with the Australian Government's devolved management environment.

In some cases, Finance may be asked to monitor specific IT-related Budget measures, for example, where significant savings in administered expenses are expected to result from the measure. In the case of the Centrelink IT refresh project, for example, Finance is a member of the IT Refresh Oversight Committee, which is responsible for monitoring the progress of the project, including its timely implementation within budget, and success in achieving the savings anticipated from the project.