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Human Services Portfolio

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Question:

Senator FIFIELD—What have the costs been to date for co-location work?

Mr Bridge—I cannot give you a total figure in relation to the costs. Each of these offices is very different in its layout and design. In fact, we are using these 21 locations at the moment to work through getting a more common model for how we would go about this co-location program, and we will be able to get a definitive idea of the total cost as we go forward.

Senator FIFIELD—Would you be able to take on notice

Mr Bridge—Yes, we can take that on notice.

Answer:

The costs for co-location, at 11 June 2010, are \$666,343.

These costs relate to the co-location program announced by Minister Bowen in his speech on 16 December 2009. Minister Bowen announced that there would be at least 20 co-locations by the end of 2010 and 40 by the end of 2011. The costs of co-location of sites prior to this program have not been included.