

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**

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**Written Question on Notice: 4 November 2003**

**Senator Forshaw asked:**

Will this be spent upgrading software or replacing the existing system?

**Answer:**

As the existing system is nearing the end of its useful life its redevelopment may involve both the upgrading of software and the replacement of existing systems. The redevelopment project will consider whether there is any scope to upgrade or maintain any elements of the existing system.

<b>Date:</b>	<b>10 December 2003</b>
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**Senator Forshaw asked:**

Will this require hardware to be replaced or upgraded?

**Answer:**

As the existing system is nearing the end of its useful life, it is likely that hardware will be replaced and / or upgraded. System architecture and support requirements are being considered as part of the redevelopment of the system.

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**Senator Forshaw asked:**

Will these services be conducted in-house or outsourced? If so, will there be a tender and what are the details, timing, costs, scope of this tender?

**Answer:**

The Systems Redevelopment process is expected to involve software development and implementation with the assistance of external providers. Tenders will be let for these processes during the next year.

<b>Date:</b>	<b>5 December 2003</b>
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