

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**

**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

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**Question: PM 48-52**

**Topic: Performance of Information Technology outsourcing arrangements**

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**Senator Conroy asked:**

- 1. Please provide details of total departmental/organisational spending on Information and Communications Technology products and services during the last 12 months.**

\$ 954,337

- 2. Please break down this spending by ICT function (eg communications, security, private network, websites).**

Lease of hardware	\$241,646
Maintenance	\$516,231
Network expenditure	\$196,460

- 3. Was this spending in line with budget forecasts for this 12 month period?**

Yes

- a. If not, please provide details of:**

- i. The extent that ICT spending exceeded budget forecasts for this 12 month period;**
  - ii. Details of on specific ICT contracts which resulted in department/organisation spending in excess of budget forecasts for this 12 month period;**
  - iii. The reasons ICT spending exceeded budget forecasts for this 12 month period.**
- 4. Please provide details of any ICT projects that have been commissioned by the Department/organisation during the past 12 months that have failed to meet designated project time frames (ie have failed to satisfy agreed milestones by agreed dates).**

All contracted projects have met project time frames. The Analytical Support System is currently going through an RFT carried over from FY2004-05.

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- a. For such projects that were not completed on schedule, please provide details of:
- i. The extent of any delay;
  - ii. The reasons these projects were not completed on time;
  - iii. Any contractual remedies sought by the Department/organisation as a result of these delays (eg penalty payments).

5. Please provide details of any ICT projects delivered in the past 12 months that have materially failed to satisfy project specifications.

No ICT projects have materially failed to satisfy project specifications.

6. Please provide details of any ICT projects that were abandoned by the Department/organisation within the last 12 months before the delivery of all project specifications outlined at the time the project was commissioned.

No ICT projects were abandoned.

- a. For such abandoned projects, please provide details of:
- i. Any contractual remedies sought by the Department as a result of the abandonment of these projects.
  - ii. Any costs of re-tendering the ICT project.