

Standing Committee on Finance and Public Administration

ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Finance and Administration Portfolio

Department of Finance and Administration

Supplementary Budget Estimates Hearing – October 2006

Question: F31

Outcome 3, Output 3.1

Topic: Telstra ADSL upgrade

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Senator Robert Ray asked:

With regard to the new Telstra ADSL upgrade, could I ask: what extra costs were involved? I am referring to the minister's circular 05 of this year, 2006. Incidentally, I must commend—I am handing out a lot of elephant stamps today—the Special Minister of State for putting these things in writing so we can all understand them. They are quite clear and they are extremely helpful? The total cost since the ministerial announcement. You might indicate to me what the take-up rate of members of parliament has been. Has the department had any feedback as to how much better this system is, following the bandwidth upgrade? Also, you might like to take on notice: has the department had any feedback on the effectiveness of the spam filter associated with this?

Answer:

30 requests for the upgraded ADSL service have been received and 24 have been connected.

The total cost to date for the upgrades has been \$436.30.

As at 31 October 2006, the Department of Finance and Administration had received no feedback on the effectiveness of either the upgraded ADSL system or the spam filter.