

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**  
**Supplementary Budget Estimates Hearing – October 2009**

ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

**Parliamentary Portfolio, Department of Parliamentary Services**

**Topic:** New Hansard production system—costs

**Question:** P6

**Hansard reference:** F&PA 23, 19 October 2009

**Date set by the committee for the return of answer:** 4 December 2009

**Senator BERNARDI**—Are there any ongoing costs associated with the contract [for the new Hansard production system]? Is it an ongoing service contract?

**Ms Lynch**—It will include an annual maintenance cost. I do not have those figures with me here, but I can certainly get those for you.

**Senator BERNARDI**—You will take them on notice? That would be great. Thank you...

**Answer**

a. The Hansard Production System (HPS) replacement contract includes a five-year warranty.

b. The contract comprises the following components:

System development	\$1,910,000	
Licence fees	\$ 28,000	
5 years warranty	\$1,253,400	(ie \$250,680 annually)
Training development	\$ 158,000	(incl. computer-based training system)
<u>Training DPS staff</u>	<u>\$ 122,000</u>	
Total contract cost	\$3,471,400	(or \$3,818,540 incl. GST)

(i) (All costs are ex GST, unless otherwise noted.)

c. The overall approved budget for the new HPS is \$5,111,600, comprised of:

Stage 1 (DPS costs for tender process)	\$ 311,600
Contract with vendor	\$3,471,400
Stage 2 (DPS implementation costs)	\$1,328,600

d. Annual ongoing DPS staff support costs are estimated at around \$275,000 per annum.