QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES - 25 FEBRUARY 2014

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(AE14/578) PROGRAMME – Internal Product

Senator Ludwig (Written) asked:

Please detail the operating systems used by the departments computers, the contractual arrangements for operating software and the on-going costs

Answer:

All portfolio computers run from the approved Standard Operating Environment (SOE). The operating system is covered by the Whole of Government Core Desktop Licensing (CDL) arrangement managed by the Department of Finance (DoF). The portfolio uses a range of operating systems across its computer platforms. These include:

- Windows 7
- IBM z/OS
- Various forms of Unix

The cost of the operating system represents a minor component of the CDL payment made to DoF and the total cost is not split across licensed components. Attempting to break down the contractual and purchase arrangements for various systems across the portfolio would require an unreasonable diversion of resources.