

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS
ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT

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Senator Barnett asked the following question at the hearing on 27 May 2008:

What are the upfront costs to implement the same-sex measures and for what purpose are they derived?

The answer to the honourable senator's question is as follows:

The implementation of the same-sex measures across all relevant agencies will result in the following approximate net expenditure over five years (\$ million):

2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
0.2	32.1	12.5	8.9	8.6

The majority of expenditure in 2008-09 will be to implement changes to Centrelink's payment systems (including training, communication, forms and letters).

Other expenditure will be used to put procedures and directives in place, for additional client contact and to update relevant publications.