

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS  
CRIMTRAC

**Question No. 24**

**Senator Stott-Despoja asked the following question at the hearing on 26 May 2008:**

Why is there no breakdown of appropriations, or separate performance standards and targets, as between the very different elements of the overall National Policing Information Systems and Services? In the absence of such a breakdown, standards and targets, how can a proper cost-benefit assessment be made of each element?

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

CrimTrac does not currently receive appropriations from Government, with the exception of an interest equivalency payment. Revenue is generated under fee for service arrangements, primarily for criminal history background checking.

CrimTrac operates under one outcome and one output under the Attorney-General's Portfolio and therefore provides one set of performance targets within the budget statement.

Comprehensive project costings and record keeping are maintained on a project by project basis. For existing systems and services, a financial management structure is in place, which allows for reporting by cost centre areas or by systems/services.

CrimTrac produces an annual report every year which includes comprehensive financial statements.