

SENATE LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL LEGISLATION COMMITTEE
CRIMTRAC

Question No. 145

Senator Ludwig asked the following question at the hearing on 31 October 2005:

CRIMTRAC Police Reference System

- a) Were there any reviews of the system subsequent to the 90 day trial period, if so could you please provide subject outcome and conclusions of those reviews?
- (i) If there were reviews, did they make any recommendations?
 - (ii) If so, what were they?
 - (iii) Have they been implemented, or are they being implemented?
 - (iv) If not, why not?
- b) How many people are registered to use the MNPP?
- c) Could you provide a copy of the report to the board of management on the capability trial?
- d) Do you have key dates for the implementation of the roll out, if so please provide?
- (i) Are there any that have passed?
 - (ii) For the ones that have passed, did you meet them?
 - (ii) If not, why not and when were they met?
- e) Is the final roll out date of September 2006 still planned?
- (i) If not, how has it changed and why?
- f) Did you get the business case of the 3 remaining components specialist reporting events and mapping data analysis to the board of management on 22 June?
- (i) Is it within budget at the moment?
- g) What was the additional budget allocated to those 3 additional components by the board meeting?

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

- a) The first deliverable in the CPRS work programme is the Minimum Nation-wide Person Profile (MNPP). A formal evaluation was conducted on the MNPP trial during the period March to June 2005. The key findings of the review were:
- The MNPP pilot substantially achieved all its target outcomes;
 - MNPP can provide improved police work practices through increased productivity and efficiency in areas such as identification of offenders, execution of warrants and preparation of suspect/offender profiles;
 - MNPP can provide increased operational police confidence through improved knowledge management and better access to information;
 - MNPP provides technology to support business processes surrounding the management of missing persons;
 - Users found MNPP to be significantly better than the existing National Names Index (NNI) system; and
 - All participating jurisdictions were very supportive of the project and the potential benefits.
- (i) Yes.

- (ii) The report was compiled from input from all participating jurisdictions and recommended:
 - the MNPP service be continued, as it provides ongoing benefits to jurisdictions;
 - the Steering Committee endorse the findings of the evaluation as justifying the further development and complete roll-out of MNPP; and
 - a further assessment be made of the material differences between the implementation of integrated services by NSW and VIC.
 - (iii) The recommendations have been implemented through the development of a further business case to complete the roll-out of MNPP to all jurisdictions and the CrimTrac Board of Management directing CrimTrac to continue to make the MNPP pilot system available to jurisdictions.
 - (iv) Not applicable.
- b) There are 1405 registered users with access to MNPP (23 November 2005).
- c) The evaluation report is classified Law-Enforcement-in-Confidence as it contains information on policing procedures and as such cannot be made available.
- d) All jurisdictions have provided indicative dates for their participation in the MNPP rollout project subject to funding arrangements being agreed and the completion of detailed project planning. The business case for the rollout was referred to the Australasian Police Ministers Council (APMC) in October 2005 at which time the Council agreed to support a national roll-out of the MNPP system; consider funding the national roll-out by a cost sharing arrangement to be recommended to the APMC by the APMC Senior Officers Group, noting that the Commonwealth will commit remaining CPRS investment funds of \$5.58 million; and support the continuation of work on the MNPP with funding, if necessary, from the CrimTrac reserves. Until the funding is resolved no jurisdiction can commit to a date for implementation of the rollout.
- (i) Not applicable.
 - (ii) Not applicable.
 - (iii) Not applicable.
- e) No date has been set to complete the MNPP roll-out. Following the success of the pilot and the positive response to MNPP by the jurisdictions, MNPP roll-out will occur at a time to be agreed between CrimTrac and each jurisdiction.
- (i) Not applicable.
- f) The business case to complete the three remaining components was presented to and approved by the Board of Management at the 25 August 2005 meeting.
- (i) No expenditure has been incurred as the work to implement the three remaining components will not commence until after the present round of maintenance activities are completed. This is now planned to commence in mid 2006.
- g) The allocation was \$997,558 (exclusive of GST).