

SENATE LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL LEGISLATION COMMITTEE  
ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT

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**Question No. 75**

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

- a) Could you indicate whether the AusDIN portal that EMA was developing has gone live?
  - (i) If so, when did it go live? If not, why not?
- b) Could you provide a brief rundown on the outline of the program including the terms of references?
- c) Could you indicate who has access to AusDIN at the moment?
- d) Who else are you planning to give access to, and when are they going to get it?
- e) How much funding has gone into this project so far?
  - (i) What was the original budget?
  - (ii) How much of that original budget has been expended?

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

- a) No
  - (i) A prototype will be implemented once a funding model is accepted by the States & Territories
- b) The program outline for a national emergency management portal will support efforts towards co-ordination and validation of emergency management information and provide a resource for relevant information in an international context

The Terms of Reference for the AusDIN Portal Group are to:

- Develop, manage and maintain a national Emergency Management Portal, to be known as the AusDIN Portal.
- Provide a forum for Federal, State, Territory and Local Governments and communities' information sourcing, collaboration, exchange and distribution needs
- Make recommendations to the National Information Management Advisory Group (NIMAG) on information, data and knowledge management issues and facilitate the implementation of any recommendations from NIMAG.
- Develop relationships between emergency management, critical infrastructure protection and counter-terrorism sectors to ensure broad national support for the Portal.
- Develop and maintain working relationships with other groups as appropriate.

- Conduct workshops and/or forums for identified stakeholders as required.
- c) The AusDIN Portal Group and members of NIMAG comprise the following:  
Representatives from all State and Territory Governments  
Attorney-General's Department  
Emergency Management Australia  
Bureau of Meteorology  
Geoscience Australia  
Australian Local Government Association (ALGA)  
Australia-New Zealand Land Information Council (ANZLIC)  
Australasian Libraries in Emergency Services (ALIES)  
Emergency Management Spatial Information Network Australia (EMSINA)
- d) None at this stage
- e) Each Jurisdiction including the Attorney-General's Department has provided staff to attend Portal meetings (this includes travel allowance and accommodation). I don't have the costs for the States & Territories. The technology used for the Portal has involved existing infrastructure supported by the Information Services area within the Attorney-General's Department
- (i) Nil
  - (ii) Not applicable