SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS
CRIMTRAC

Question No. 153

Senator Ludwig asked the following question at the hearing on 31 October 2006:

For the period post November 2005, could you provide a timeline detailing the:

(a) Dates on which any design or functionality changes made to each database were made.

(b) Dates on which any trials to the database were conducted, and when they ended.

(c) Dates on which any reviews of the databases, or trials were conducted and when they were finalised.

(d) Dates any CrimTrac databases were implemented, and any functionality changes were put in place.

(e) Dates on which any database had its funding increased, also by how much and the reason for the increase.

(f) Initial cost and current actual cost of each database.

(g) Original projected dates for the roll-out of the database to each state.

(h) Number of staff allocated to the development of each database, and when any staff were added to the development of the database, or removed from the development of the database.

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

(a) Design and functionality changes are as follows:
- National Automated Fingerprint Identity System (NAFIS) – Delivery of major component of NAFIS 3.1 MetaMorpho Upgrade. Completed 10 April 2006.
- National Criminal Investigation DNA Database (NCIDD) – Release of Version 4. Completed 11 April 2006.
- Australian National Child Offender Register (ANCOR) – system functionality changes. Completed 7 April 2006, 27 July 2006 and 29 August 2006.

There have been no other design or functionality changes since November 2005.

(b) System trials are as follows:

- NAFIS – Testing of software delivery was conducted between 20 and 25 March 2006. User acceptance testing was completed 28 March 2006.

There have been no other trials of databases since November 2005.

(c) Reviews of systems are as follows:

- ANCOR – In September 2006 CrimTrac conducted an internal review of the ANCOR database model. In September 2006 the CrimTrac Board of Management also requested a review of the three outstanding business requirements (mapping, analyst notebook and advanced searching and reporting) from the original business case in line with technology changes, revised business requirements and legislative imperatives since that time. This was done in consultation with the Australian Crime Commission. The review is ongoing.

There have been no other reviews or trials of databases since November 2005.

(d) Other than reported in response to part (a) of this question there have been no new databases or functionality changes to CrimTrac systems since November 2005.

(e) Funding increases are as follows:

- MNPP – On 29 June 2006 the Australasian Police Ministers' Council approved the roll-out of MNPP, including the provision of information to the central system at CrimTrac and for police services to undertake work for the consumption or integration of that information into their respective policing systems. CrimTrac is funding the costs associated with the provision of information only and the budget is $17.072 m.

- ANCOR – On 28 November 2005 the CrimTrac Board of Management approved a funding increase of $658,928 (includes contingency) to undertake a consolidation and improvement of the system functionality.

(f) Due to the complexity of the project reporting, breaking down the finances to meet the post-November 2005 requirement of the question would place a high demand on resources. The following information is split up into two tables being closed projects, showing capitalised components and current net book value, and the second table being approved projects:

Table One: Closed Projects

System	Project Allocations	Capitalised Cost	Accumulated Depreciation	Net Book Value as at 31 October 2006
	$'000	$'000	$'000	$'000
ANCOR	3,329	2,643	(386)	2,257
MNPP	10,986	8,024	(1,150)	6,874
NAFIS	28,826	15,813	(6,133)	9,680
NCIDD	3,763	2,110	(804)	1,306

Table Two: Approved Projects for the above systems

System	Approved Project Budgets	Work In Progress (for future capitalisation)
	$'000	$'000
ANCOR	**1,657**	**560**
MNPP	**17,072**	**2,402**

(g) The original projected dates for the roll-out of each database are as follows:

- NAFIS: 10 April 2006, for national roll out, all jurisdictions on line at the same time.
- NCIDD: 10 April 2006, for national roll out, all jurisdictions on line at the same time.
- ANCOR: no new system roll out post November 2005.
- MNPP: the answer to QON 145 asked on 31 October 2005, advised that 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. See answer to QON 151.
- TDS: no new system roll out post November 2005.
- NNI, NFLRS and NVOI: were implemented by CrimTrac's predecessor NEPI.

(h) The number of staff allocated to development of each project is as follows:

- NAFIS: Outsourced work package – delivered by SAGEM Defence Securitie.
- NCIDD: For the Version 4 release – one IT developer and one business analyst working on the new release between 21 November 2005 and 10 April 2006.
- MNPP: Post November 2005 approximately 5 permanent staff, supplemented with contractors as required.
- ANCOR: Post November 2005 is approximately 6 permanent staff, supplemented with contractors as required.
- TDS, NNI, NFLRS and NVOI: These are operational systems. There is no direct or recurrent staff allocation to the development of CrimTrac's operational systems as these are maintained in a production environment. These systems require support to maintain them at an optimal level for police service use and CrimTrac has a business and technical owner for each production or operational system who takes ownership for these systems and are the primary point of contact for fixing system problems if they arise.