

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS
AUSTRALIAN CRIME COMMISSION

Question No. 81

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

Regarding the \$0.7million funding provided for the development of a national Document Verification System (per answer to QoN 52 from May 2006 Estimates):

- (a) How much of this funding has been expended so far?
- (b) Is this expenditure on target?
- (c) Have any additional funds been requested? If so, give details as to the (i) amount requested; (ii) amount provided; and (iii) need for the additional funding.
- (d) Provide a list of key dates for the project.
- (e) Have all key dates so far been met? If not, give details

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

- (a) Expenditure from 1 July to 31 October 2006 was \$26,493.
- (b) Yes. A Project Manager has been appointed and new staff will commence project duties by January 2007.
- (c) No additional funds have been requested.
 - (i) NA
 - (ii) NA
 - (iii) NA
- (d) Implementation of the Lost and Stolen Document Register component of the Document Verification Service is to occur over two years divided into three phases: (1) Development and Trialling; (2) Testing, Integration and Implementation; and (3) On-going Support to Document Verification Service. Key dates and deliverables as follows:

Phase 1: Development and Trialling

- Secure storage facility identification – 1 December 2006
- Formal agency to agency agreements to facilitate data provisioning – 30 April 2007
- Procurement of network and system support infrastructure – 1 June 2007

Phase 2: Testing, Integration and Implementation

- Initial collection and testing of data format and protocols – 1 May 2007
- Testing and integration of preliminary access across select proof of identity document issuing agencies (such as Passports and select driver licence issuers) – 1 June 2007
- Interim report on the milestones and deliverables from Phases 1 and 2 - 1 December 2007

Phase 3: On-going Support to Document Verification Service

- On-going monthly collection, aggregation, quality assurance and feed into DVS main hub from 1 January 2008;
- On-going testing and evaluation of participation and results from 1 January 2008 to 30 June 2008;
- Final Pilot Evaluation Report, including recommendations on future Lost and Stolen Document Register direction and continuation resource implications 1 July 2008.

(e) All key dates and milestones have been met. The Australian Criminal Intelligence Database has been identified as the secure storage facility throughout the duration of the project. The ACC is engaging with select document issuing agencies to progress the establishment of formal agreements relating to participation in the Lost and Stolen Document Register testing phases.