

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS  
CRIMTRAC

**Question No. 113**

**Senator Fisher asked the following question at the hearing on 19 October 2009:**

What is the status of the tender released earlier this year to establish new data centres to support CrimTrac's IT infrastructure?

- a) What was the budget and actual spend for construction and establishment of the centres, and (if separate) what was the budget and actual spend for the migration of data to those new centres, and
- b) how many CrimTrac staff are involved in the tender rollout, and were they engaged in the process full time?

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

The Request for Tender for CrimTrac's Primary Data Centre was completed with a contract being awarded to Canberra Data Centres on 8 May 2009.

The tender for the Provision of Data Centre services is complete and the contract has been awarded to Canberra Data Centres (CDC). This data centre is to provide a new primary site, provide additional disaster recovery and supplement the existing limited data centre hosted by Defence Computing Bureau.

a) The CDC is provided as a managed service to CrimTrac with the annual cost of \$514,000pa for floor space and \$296,000pa for capital inclusions. The budgeted amount for tender was \$1.2 million per annum. CrimTrac was able to negotiate a significant saving on its initial estimate as part of the RFT process. CDC was also able to provide a facility that met CrimTrac's requirements in a reduced floor space footprint, reducing the annual floor space rental expenditure.

Migration and duplication of data has recently commenced as a separate cost and actual spend on this to date is \$150,000. The budgeted estimate for this activity is \$1.1 million and is due to be completed by February 2010.

b) Data centre construction utilised two CrimTrac staff for project management activities only. These people were engaged in a part time capacity on this project activity. Migration activity is involving four CrimTrac staff on a fulltime basis.