

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Topic: New computer system & MPs' allowances

Senator: Rhiannon
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Question:

1. Please provide an update on the Finance Department work on a new computer system to manage MPs' allowances?
2. How much of the \$500,000 allocated in the last budget for this project has been spent and what has it been spent on?
3. Is this new computer system operating? If not when will it be?
4. Was the full \$500,000 spent on scoping the new computer system?
5. How much will the new computer system cost?
6. Will this new computer system provide for near real time disclosure of MPs use of allowances? If so please specify what it will display in terms of MPs allowances and how user friendly it will be?

Answer:

As at 10 April 2017:

1. The Department of Finance is now proceeding to develop a second-pass business case for consideration by the Government.
2. \$424,814.62 (GST excl) has been spent on a scoping study to determine the requirements of a new IT system.
3. No. Refer to part 1.
4. Refer to part 2.
5. Refer to part 1.
6. Refer to part 1.