# SENATE QUESTION

Cabinet Redevelopment Project

## Question No. 102

**Senator Penny Wong** asked the Minister representing the Prime Minister in the Senate on 20 January 2014:

Can details be provided of the Cabinet redevelopment project, including its purpose, timeline, governance arrangements and cost.

**Senator Abetz** – The Prime Minister has provided the following answer to the honourable senator's question:

The primary purpose and objectives of the CabNet Redevelopment Project ('the Project') were to:
- improve secure access to Cabinet documents by Ministers;
- redevelop CabNet with current technologies to better assist in the efficient management of Cabinet processes; and
- improve collaboration, development and governance of Cabinet Documents and related information.

The CabNet Project commenced in July 2012 and concluded in January 2014.

Project timeline involved three key deliverables:
- updated CabNet operating environment;
- iPad application for handling Cabinet documents; and
- procurement activity for a new CabNet system.

The CabNet operating environment update work commenced in July 2012 and finished in December 2012.

The iPad application for handling Cabinet documents commenced in September 2012 and is likely to conclude in February 2014.

The procurement activity for a new CabNet system commenced in March 2013, and concluded in January 2014. The procurement activity involved a two stage procurement process, with stage one being an expression of interest (EOI) process, and stage two being an optional progression to request for tender. Following a detailed assessment and strategic analysis, respondents to the EOI were advised that the procurement exercise would not proceed to stage 2.

The Project governance arrangements involved oversight by a Project Board (made up of senior officers from across the Department), with advice from a cross-agency advisory committee.

The overall cost of the Project was approximately $1.3 million. This cost was met through the Department's 2012-13 ICT Budget.