

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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Topic: Shared Resources Following MoG Changes

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Senator: Ludwig Joe

Question:

1. Following the Machinery of Government changes does the department share any goods/services/accommodation with other departments?
2. What resources/services does the department share with other departments; are there plans to cease sharing the sharing of these resources/services?
3. What were the costs to the department prior to the Machinery of Government changes for these shared resources? What are the estimated costs after the ceasing of shared resource arrangements?

Answer:

1. Following the Machinery of Government changes, the Department of Health shares office accommodation in Australian Capital Territory, New South Wales, South Australia, Western Australia and Northern Territory with the Department of Social Services (DSS). The Department also co-tenants space with the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet (PM&C) in Victoria and Tasmania.

The Department provides ICT services to DSS for ageing and aged care IT applications.

The Department manages certain funding agreements for indigenous activities on behalf of PM&C.

There are no other sharing arrangements in place arising from Machinery of Government changes.

2. The Department's sharing arrangement arising from Machinery of Government changes are outlined at 1. There are no current plans to cease these arrangements.
3. The analysis involved in providing the requested information would involve an unreasonable diversion of departmental resources.