

Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications

Answers to Senate Estimates Questions on Notice

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Communications Portfolio

Department of Communications

Question No: 345

Program No. Corporate

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Topic: Shared resources following MOG changes

Senator Ludwig asked:

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. Yes.
2. The Department has interim arrangements to support the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet through the provision of some administrative services, such as the payment of invoices, for functions transferred in the Machinery of Government changes.
3. The costs of these services are marginal. To provide an estimate would be an unreasonable diversion of resources.