

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS
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Question No. 16

Senator Humphries asked the following question at the hearing of 22 February 2011:

In the data-security platform, I understand that a new anti-virus and anti-malware suites were deployed earlier this year.

1. How much did the new platform cost?
2. What was wrong with the old platform?
3. Was there a cost in the transition?

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

1. The AFP's anti-virus and anti-malware suites are planned to be deployed by the end of the 2010-2011 Financial Year. There is currently a Request for Tender for the software solutions under evaluation. As such no information on cost or products is able to be provided.

2. The AFP's Anti Virus Software contract is expiring and as such, in line with the Commonwealth Procurement Guidelines, the AFP has approached the market via a Request for Tender.

Additionally, due to the increasing complexity of the AFP's Information and Communications Technology (ICT) environment one solution is no longer considered able to adequately cover all elements. It is therefore necessary to find solutions that provide niche\expert protection for different parts of the core infrastructure.

The core elements of the AFP's ICT environment which will be protected are:

- Desktop
- Servers
 - File System & web (G:, H: & J: drives & Hub\SPOKES)
 - Terminal (PROMIS)
 - Virtual (ICT Applications)

3. There will be an implementation cost as the new product is deployed, but this cost will not be known until the product is formally acknowledged as winning the current tender.