

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS
AUSTRAC

Question No. 19

Senator Parry asked the following question at the hearing on 18 October 2010:

Please provide a broad high-level outline spanning the next few years of the program of \$24 million to develop intelligence systems.

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

In the 2010 Budget, AUSTRAC received appropriation of \$24 million over four years to fund the purchase and implementation of advanced analytical systems and tools.

The following provides a summary overview of AUSTRAC's four-year implementation:

Year One – \$2.9 million

- Establishment of project team.
- Instigate formal project processes including agency governance, steering committee and project deliverables.
- Domestic and international consultation with AUSTRAC's partner agencies and counterpart financial intelligence units (ongoing throughout life of program).
- Gathering of business requirements and incorporation of domestic and international concepts.
- Open market procurement through Request for Tender.
- Acquire external portal software, external data centre space, maximise system virtualisation and enable segmentation of AUSTRAC's network to accommodate for new environment.
- Undertake pilot with preferred vendor/s to assess system compatibility and capability - proof of concept.

Year Two – \$10.7 million

- Negotiate with preferred vendor to form relationship with AUSTRAC as its strategic analytical systems partner.
- Commence design – full functional requirements specification.
- Acquire integration tools and identity management tools.
- Development of training materials and new processes, supporting change management throughout the agency.
- Rollout new analytical product to AUSTRAC users.

Year Three – \$7.6 million

- Continue product implementation, environment monitoring and testing.
- Provide subject matter and project support to business users during transitional phase.
- Full functional requirements design for integration of AUSTRAC's customer relationship management (CRM) with analytical product.
- Development of external training for AUSTRAC's partner agency users and negotiate new access arrangements within memoranda of understanding.
- Migrate partner agency information to CRM.

Year Four – \$2.8 million

- Rollout CRM accessibility to partner agencies.
- Provide external training to partner agency users.
- Rollout analytical product to partner agencies.
- Project review and transition to full business operation.
- Decommission of AUSTRAC legacy systems.