

Senate Inquiry into the 2016 Census
Senate Economics References Committee

Answers to Questions on Notice provided by IBM from the committee's public hearing on Tuesday 25 October 2016

1. Was any of the contract work outsourced or completed outside of Australia?

Yes. A single and very small component of the contract work was completed outside of Australia. In April 2016, a set of standard application security tests was completed remotely by a member of the IBM Security Services team based in Thailand. These tests assessed the vulnerability of the Census solution to common web application attack techniques such as SQL injection and cross site scripting (for clarity, these particular tests were not designed or intended to assess the solution's vulnerability to DDoS attacks). The remote testing work was performed under the direct supervision of the Australian based IBM Security Services team and no customer or respondent data, or any other sensitive project material, was shared. This was less than 5 man-days of work effort within a total work program effort of more than 6000 man-days.

2. Is IBM required to pay the Commonwealth a royalty fee for using the eCensus application in any other market?

No. Under the terms of the Agreement, IBM is not required to pay a royalty fee.

3. Did all of the hardware used meet required standards of the ASD's evaluated products list?

All of the devices subject to the ASD Evaluated Products List (EPL) were certified on the EPL. Note that the SafeNet/Gemalto Hardware Security Module product version used (ProtectServer External PL600/1200) is an upgraded version of the product listed on the EPL (ProtectServer Orange CSA8000). The version listed on the EPL became unavailable in or around 2013.