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Question:

Mr Sheridan: It is based on SAP software. It uses a couple of modules of SAP software, one of which at the time was relatively new—a public budgeting framework. That is where we have done most of the customisation to meet the essentially unique characteristics of the Australian government budget system. It has taken a lot of work to get that working correctly.

Senator GALLAGHER: Have you got a final budget for it?

Senator Cormann: We might have to take that on notice.

Ms Huxtable: Some of these elements have been not for publication because they relate to commercial arrangements.

Senator GALLAGHER: But presumably once it is operational, you will have a total project cost.

Senator Cormann: And we will be able to provide information once the project is complete. While there are live ongoing commercial implications, we will provide as much as we can.

Answer:

The budget funding of the CBMSR project has not been publicly released in order to protect the commercial position of the Commonwealth. Details are unable to be provided until the project is complete.