Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee

Supplementary Budget Estimates – 25 October 2023
ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

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Question:
Senator KOVACIC: Okay. Ms Smith, you said during the last round of estimates that the health of projects were reported on using a traffic light system. What is the nature of that document?
Ms Smith: That is based on information. We don't necessarily keep a standing document on that. It is based on our assessment against our agency tolerances for the major programs that I just mentioned. It is based on intelligence and information given to us from our senior responsible officers for those programs. They let us know how they are tracking against their planned phasings, the forecasts for delivery, their scope and specifications. As a result of that, we apply a rating for discussion, be it red, green or amber.
Senator KOVACIC: Is there a core central document that rates each of those that is shared when you guys are discussing that?
Ms Smith: There is, from memory, a short one-pager. I don't have that with me today.
Senator KOVACIC: Could you table that document?
Ms Smith: I don't have it here with me today, but I can take it on notice.
CHAIR: Senator Kovacic, we're due to go to a break. I want to get an indication from senators before we do that. We were due to finish whole of portfolio earlier. Who do we require to come back after the break? Do we still require whole of portfolio? Are we ready to move to Services Australia outcome 1?
Senator ASKEW: I have some on whole of portfolio.
Senator KOVACIC: Ms Smith, you referenced a document. Could you tell me the name of that document so that I know what we're looking for?
Ms Smith: It's our major programs list.
Senator Ayres: I think current registered active programs list is the terminology that the department would prefer not to use because it's an unhelpful acronym.
Senator KOVACIC: To save time. That would be wonderful. I will complete my last question before I hand over to Senator Rice. I am seeking a table for the last financial year and to date per month each corporate registered program's program status report and the status, be it green, amber and red, for each one. We seek on notice for that to be tabled.
Ms Smith: Yes, certainly.
Senator KOVACIC: Thank you.

Answer:

The list of major programs with status from July 2022 to August 2023 is provided at Attachment A.

Major Programs As at August 2023	Status													
	August 2023	July 2023	June 2023	May 2023	April 2023	March 2023	February 2023	January 2023	Dec 2022	Nov 2022	October 2022	Sept 2022	August 2022	July 2022
MyGov Enhancements Program	Closing	Closing	Amber	Amber	Amber	Amber	Amber	Amber	Red	Amber	Green	Green	Green	Green
GovERP Program	Green	Green	Green	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Amber	Amber	Red	Red	Red
Health Delivery Modernisation Program (Phase 3)	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Red	Green	Amber	Green	Green	Green
Veteran Centric Reform Program	Closing	Red	Red	Red	Red	Amber	Green	Green	Amber	Green	Green	Green	Green	Amber

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*The status of a program is reported against a traffic light system of Red, Amber and Green. The status colour is established taking into account key milestones, budget, financial benefits, business outcomes and risk. The resulting colour assists in determining whether remedial activities are required.