

## **Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee**

### **ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES - 27 FEBRUARY 2014 ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE**

#### **Department of Human Services**

**Topic:** New Child Support System

**Question reference number:** HS 5

**Senator:** Cameron

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#### **Question:**

Senator CAMERON: I note on Monday, 24 February the minister announced the Accenture and SAP contract to replace CUBA. Can you explain the difference between the \$101.1 million over five years, in the answer HS73-D, and the \$102.2 million over five years in the minister's media release. The reference number is HS73.

Mr Rimmer: Could we take that on notice? It is a reasonable question. We would like to check the original budget decision.

Senator CAMERON: Yes, sure. The minister's press release said \$102.2 million. Are you aware of that?

Mr Rimmer: Yes.

Senator CAMERON: And your response was \$101.1 million? I am happy for you to take that on notice.

Ms Campbell: We will take that one on notice.

#### **Answer:**

The \$102.2 million provided in the Minister's media release is the total budget in terms of the fiscal impact (accrual basis).

The accrual amount includes employee leave expenses which do not necessarily require cash payments in the respective years. By convention, fiscal impact is shown in Budget Papers and Ministers' media releases.

The \$101.1 million provided in response to HS 73 is the total budget in terms of the underlying cash impact (cash basis) allocated to the project over five years.