Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee

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ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Department of Human Services

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Question:

Senator CAMERON: How much will be spent on IT computer system changes to deal with this budget allocation?

Ms Golightly: We have $4.6 million roughly for ICT over the three years that I mentioned.

Senator CAMERON: Do you have how the $4.6 million will be allocated over the three years?

Ms Golightly: That was for ICT? Sorry, for each year?

Senator CAMERON: Yes, each year.

Ms Golightly: In 2014-15, it is $3.7 million—I am rounding here. In 2015-16 it is $880,000. Sorry, it is only in those two years.

Senator CAMERON: I might get you on notice to provide me details of what type of ICT investments are being made.

Ms Golightly: It would be mainly a software investment if that is the sort of thing you are looking for.

Senator CAMERON: Yes.

Answer:

The ICT investment is for software changes to modify existing department systems. The costs are for the development of system specifications, software development and testing of the necessary changes to support the measure.