

**Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications**  
**Answers to Senate Estimates Questions on Notice**  
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**Department of Communications**

**Question No: 671**

**Program No. Corporate**  
**Hansard Ref: In Writing**

**Topic: Shared Resources following MOG changes**

**Senator Ludwig asked:**

1. Following the Machinery of Government changes does the Department/Agency share any goods/services/accommodation with other Departments/Agencies?
2. What resources/services does the Department/Agency share with other Departments/Agencies; are there plans to cease sharing the sharing of these resources/services?
3. What were the costs to the Department prior to the Machinery of Government changes for these shared resources? What are the estimated costs after the ceasing of shared resource arrangements?

**Answer:**

1. The Department has provided shared services to the Telecommunications Universal Service Management Agency (TUSMA) since its inception. There have been no changes to that arrangement in respect to MOG changes.
2. The Department is currently working on transitioning the functions of TUSMA into the Department by 30 June 2015.
3. As this transition encompasses the entire functions of TUSMA the Department is unable to answer this question.