

**Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications**  
**Answers to Senate Estimates Questions on Notice**  
**Supplementary Budget Estimates Hearings November 2014**  
**Communications Portfolio**  
**Department of Communications**

**Question No: 55**

**Program 1.1**

**Hansard Ref: In Writing**

**Topic: Shared resources following MOG changes**

**Senator Ludwig, Joe asked:**

1. Following the Machinery of Government changes does the department share any goods/services/accommodation with other departments?
2. What resources/services does the department share with other departments; 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. No longer. There were interim arrangements with the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (see answer to question 671 from the Budget Estimates Hearings, May 2014).
2. Refer to answer to 1 above.
3. Refer to answer to 1 above.