

**Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications**

**Answers to Senate Estimates Questions on Notice**

**Supplementary Budget Estimates Hearings October 2015**

**Communications Portfolio**

**National Portrait Gallery of Australia**

**Question No: 148(q)**

**National Portrait Gallery of Australia**

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**Topic: Shared Resources**

**Senator Ludwig, Joe asked:**

1. Following the 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. Yes.
2. The National Portrait Gallery of Australia continues to purchase shared services from the Attorney-General's Department Shared Services Centre. Following a decision in September 2015 by the Attorney-General's Department not to continue to provide Shared Services, these agencies and the remaining Canberra arts portfolio agencies will transition to another shared services provider.
3. Shared Services were and continue to be purchased from the Attorney-General's Department by the National Portrait Gallery of Australia. These services will not cease as a result of the Machinery of Government changes.