

**Senate Economics Legislation Committee**

**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**Treasury Portfolio**

Supplementary Budget Estimates

2014 - 2015

**Department/Agency: ABS**

**Question: SBT579-587**

**Topic: Cloud Services and Storage**

**Reference: Written - 30 October 2014**

**Senator: Ludwig, Joe**

**Question:**

579. Is the department using or planning to use cloud digital services (e.g. storage, computer software access etc)? If yes:
580. What date did/will cloud services be deployed in the department?
581. Please provide a list of all cloud services in use or being considered for use.
582. How much do these services cost? Please break down by service.
583. How much cloud storage (in gigabytes) is available for departmental use? What percentage of the available total is in use?
584. How much does this cloud storage cost per month?
585. What security arrangements are in place to protect cloud based services and storage?
586. Have any security analysts been employed / contracted to advise on the implementation and upkeep of these security arrangements?
587. What has been the cost of security for the cloud? Please provide a breakdown.

**Answer:**

579. The ABS continues to evaluate the use of cloud services for new ICT services and when replacing existing ICT services, as mandated in the Australian Government Cloud Computing Policy v3.0. At this time the ABS is not using cloud digital services and there are no projects underway to implement cloud digital services. Currently the Census and Statistics Act 1905 defines that all data collected under the Act must be maintained securely on ABS premises ruling out cloud services for storing or processing our data. If circumstances change in the future the ABS will look at cloud options if they provide appropriate security and value for money to the commonwealth.
580. N/A
581. N/A
582. N/A
583. 0 GB
584. N/A
585. Cloud based services and storage are not in use.
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