

**Senate Committee: Education and Employment**

**QUESTION ON NOTICE  
Budget Estimates 2015 - 2016**

**Outcome: Cross Portfolio - Corporate**

**Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ15-000381**

Senator O'Neill, Deborah asked on 04 June 2015, Proof Hansard page 107

***Access to CBMS***

**Question**

Senator O'NEILL: Can I go to outcome 1.1 again. Has the department, on its own or in conjunction with other departments, the capacity to project future school funding expenditure beyond the forward estimates?

Mr Cook: The CBMS, the Central Budget Management System, has always had, under all governments—to the best of my knowledge—a 10-year projection as part of that. That system is held by the Department of Finance, I think.

Senator O'NEILL: So, the CBMS has the capacity for—

Mr Cook: It is the accounting system for governments, and it is usually on a 10-year basis. The Department of

Finance manages that, rather than this department.

Senator O'NEILL: Can you have access to that?

Mr Cook: I understand we can have access to it, I think, but I am happy to take that on notice.

**Answer**

The Central Budget Management System (CBMS) is the system used to manage the flow of financial information between Finance and Commonwealth Government agencies to facilitate cash and appropriation management, the preparation of budget documentation and financial reporting.

The department has access to the Education portfolio components of CBMS.

The department's estimates in CBMS currently only cover the forward estimates period, 2014-15 to 2018-19.