

**Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment - Education**

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**Senator Ludwig provided in writing.**

**Question**

**Dept & its agencies: Shared resources following MOG changes**

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. Yes.
2. The department shares advisory, support, operational and transactional functions, for example:
  - information and communication technology (desktop and infrastructure)
  - finance (accounts payable, procurement)
  - human resources (payroll and recruitment)
  - workplace services (records management and library)
  - digital solutions (website design and publishing)
  - assurance (fraud investigations, continuity, IT security)
3. The Department of Education is committed to innovative shared services arrangements. The cost to the department associated with these arrangements are being met from within existing departmental resources.