

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES 2015-16**

Finance Portfolio  
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**Topic:** Parliamentary Workflow System

**Senator:** Wong

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**Question:**

On page 18 of the 2015-16 Finance PAES, there is a decrease of \$332,000 in 2015-16 for Outcome 2 as a result of the Parliamentary Workflow System.

1. Can the Department explain why there was this decrease?
2. Can the Department provide information on how Finance is interacting or is involved with the Parliamentary Workflow System?

**Answer:**

1. The decrease reflects the removal of a one-off amount for implementation of the Parliamentary Workflow Solution (PWS).
2. Finance interacts in two ways with PWS:
  - Finance and the Department of Education and Training jointly manage the PWS as a whole-of-government initiative. Finance is the Client Lead Agency, chairing the PWS Governance Committee and representing the interests of all agencies in relation to the Service Provider, the Department of Education and Training.
  - The Finance Portfolio uses PWS to facilitate the workflow of parliamentary records and associated documents between portfolio agencies and the Ministers' Offices.