

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Finance Portfolio

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Topic: Audit of spending capex and outcomes generated by ICT investment

Senator: Ludwig

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Question:

Can you provide an update on whether the audit of spending capex and outcomes generated by ICT investment has commenced across all agencies?

If so, can you provide details as to the work being conducted, which agencies have been audited?

If not, why not?

Answer:

The Department of Finance (Finance) has commenced the audit. There are three phases to the audit. Phase one aims to establish the data baseline on ICT expenditure across FMA Act agencies through:

- a data collection survey of all 109 FMA Act agencies; and
- field visits to selected FMA Act agencies implementing projects that meet the ICT Two Pass Review process criteria.

Phase two of the audit will target key issues for deeper investigation by Finance. Phase three will further review a second round of policy-related questions and themes.