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Senator: Smith

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Question:

Senator SMITH: But we have rolled out infrastructure in CPOs before. Is there a precedent? Is it a brand new approach?

Ms Moy: This would pretty much be a brand new approach. We have not had an incident where we have needed to roll out something special in each CPO. There might have been a point in time, for example, with the Sydney CPO when we relocated. It was part of the relocation arrangements. But in terms of putting a forward program together for every CPO, we would not have a template for that as for any other IT, to my knowledge.

Senator SMITH: So the assessment work that you are undertaking—

Ms Moy: That we are going to undertake.

Senator SMITH: how long do you expect that to take?

Ms Moy: I could not give you a time now. We can take on notice to have a look at what the plan is. But, as I said, we are looking at what we will do. We have not actually got a firm program in hand as yet.

Answer:

There is no formal timeline for the rollout of wi-fi to CPOs. The Department has installed wi-fi at both the Sydney and Melbourne CPOs. In both cases the fitout of wi-fi was connected to other telecommunications work that was being undertaken within those CPOs.

The Department of Finance will assess the requirements and costs of installing wi-fi in the remaining CPOs over the next 6 months.