

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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Question:

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 of the Prime Minister and Cabinet has adopted a whole of government approach by leveraging existing capability and services, from other agencies as a way to minimise the cost of the machinery of government changes. Broadly, the services shared with other Commonwealth departments include:
 - ICT – includes network communications and standard ICT desktop services, applications hosted services and records management.
 - Business services – including property and facilities management, travel and fleet management.
 - Financial management services – includes credit card management services and accounts payable/receivable management services.
 - Grants management services.

There are currently no plans to cease sharing of these resources/services.

3. Nil.