

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
BUDGET ESTIMATES 2014-2015

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

Department/Agency: Office of the Commonwealth Ombudsman

Outcome/Program:

Outcome 1. Fair and accountable administrative action by Australian Government agencies by investigating complaints, reviewing administrative action and inspecting statutory compliance by law enforcement agencies.

Topic: Shared Resources following MOG Changes

Senator: Senator Ludwig

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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) As at 31 May 2014 the Office has not been affected by Machinery of Government changes.
- (2) The Office receives a shared service from the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet in relation to payroll processing. There are no plans to cease this arrangement.
- (3) The shared service arrangement costs the Office \$61,467.96 per year.