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Senator: Gallagher

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Question:

Senator GALLAGHER: What was the operational budget for the shared services centre? It was cost recovery from the clients, wasn't it?

Ms Huxtable: In respect of the period before we took responsibility for it, you would really need to ask the Department of Employment.

Senator GALLAGHER: So you do not have any of that information?

Ms Huxtable: I am not aware of that. We went through a machinery of government process in the normal way, where we negotiated with Employment and Education in respect of the functions to be transferred. We could provide information about that element and the cost of those.

Senator GALLAGHER: That would be useful.

Ms Huxtable: Can we take that on notice? I am not clear on that exactly. Obviously we have the ASL that we have discussed, and then there would be other supply costs in addition to that.

Answer:

The following functions transferred to the Department of Finance from the Shared Service Centre, effective 1 December 2016:

- Accounts Payable;
- Accounts Receivable;
- credit card management;
- transactional elements of travel management;
- payroll and payroll administration; and
- the supporting Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) enabling systems.

As reported in the Department of Finance 2017-18 Budget Statements under Program 2.6 the estimated actual departmental expenses for the Service Delivery Office for 2016-17 are \$16.858 million.