## Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES 2014-15

## Finance Portfolio

**Department/Agency:** All **Outcome/Program:** General

Topic: Cloud Services and Storage

**Senator:** Ludwig

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## **Question:**

- 1. Is the department using or planning to use cloud digital services (e.g. storage, computer software access etc)? If yes:
  - a) What date did/will cloud services be deployed in the department?
- 2. Please provide a list of all cloud services in use or being considered for use.
- 3. How much do these services cost? Please break down by service.
- 4. How much cloud storage (in gigabytes) is available for departmental use? What percentage of the available total is in use?
- 5. How much does this cloud storage cost per month?
- 6. What security arrangements are in place to protect cloud based services and storage?
- 7. Have any security analysts been employed / contracted to advise on the implementation and upkeep of these security arrangements?
- 8. What has been the cost of security for the cloud? Please provide a breakdown.

## **Answer:**

Department/ Agency	Response
Finance	<ol> <li>Yes.         <ul> <li>a) Various dates.</li> </ul> </li> <li>- 3. This information is already publicly available via AusTender. To replicate that reporting is an unnecessary diversion of resources.</li> <li>- 5. This level of reporting is an unnecessary diversion of resources.</li> <li>All systems are accredited in accordance with the Australian Government Information Security Manual.</li> <li>Refer to the response in question 2.</li> <li>Refer to the response in question 4.</li> </ol>
Australian Electoral	1. Yes. a) Q4 2014.

Department/ Agency	Response			
Commission	<ol> <li>Cloud digital services being considered for deployment:         <ul> <li>Microsoft Dynamics CRM.</li> <li>Learning Management System.</li> <li>Aurion.</li> <li>Microsoft Azure</li> </ul> </li> <li>The expected cost of the chosen cloud services:         <ul> <li>Microsoft Dynamics CRM (\$65,000 ex GST per annum).</li> <li>Learning Management System (\$60,000 ex GST per annum).</li> <li>Aurion (\$6,000 ex GST per annum).</li> <li>Microsoft Azure (\$1,200 ex GST per annum).</li> </ul> </li> <li>None.</li> <li>N/A.</li> <li>Following an IT security risk assessment, security procedures are put in place as part of the contract processes for each cloud service. A formal IT security risk assessment is conducted prior to cloud vendor engagement.</li> <li>- 8. N/A.</li> </ol>			
ComSuper	No.			
Commonwealth Superannuation Corporation	<ol> <li>Yes.         <ul> <li>a) Various.</li> </ul> </li> <li>-3.         <ul> <li>The following services use cloud digital services. The cost of the cloud service is embedded as part of total service fees. A break down of costs attributable to cloud service costs cannot therefore be provided.</li></ul></li></ol>			
Future Fund Management Agency	<ol> <li>Yes.         <ul> <li>Risk Management – CURA: August 2010</li> <li>Learning Management – ELMO: December 2013</li> <li>HR – SuccessFactors: October 2014</li> </ul> </li> <li>In use:         <ul> <li>Risk Management – CURA</li> <li>Learning Management – ELMO</li> <li>HR – SuccessFactors</li> <li>Considered for use:                  <ul> <li>Analytics – FactSet Portfolio Analytics</li> </ul> </li> <li>Risk Management – CURA: \$50k p.a.</li> <ul> <li>Learning Management – ELMO: \$99k p.a.</li> </ul> </ul></li> <li>Analytics – FactSet Portfolio Section (Section Process)</li> <li>Risk Management – CURA: \$50k p.a.</li> <ul></ul></ol>			

Department/ Agency	Response
	<ul> <li>HR – SuccessFactors: \$92k p.a.</li> <li>- 5. N/A – we do not subscribe to any cloud storage solutions. The above mentioned solutions are all subscribed as software-as-a-service.</li> <li>The above solutions were all subject to a Security Design Risk Assessment to determine the risk and appropriate controls required to mitigate identified risks, including any ongoing assurance requirements needed to be put in place to monitor selected controls.</li> <li>No, not over and above the security resources already employed by the agency.</li> <li>For the cloud solutions currently employed, there is no separate identified security costs as the subscription cost covers the service as a whole.</li> </ul>