Question: **59**

Topic: **Cloud services and storage**

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Senator LUDWIG asked:

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?

b)   Please provide a list of all cloud services in use or being considered for use.

c)   How much do these services cost? Please break down by service.

d)   How much cloud storage (in gigabytes) is available for departmental use? What percentage of the available total is in use?

e)   How much does this cloud storage cost per month?

f)   What security arrangements are in place to protect cloud based services and storage?

g)   Have any security analysts been employed / contracted to advise on the implementation and upkeep of these security arrangements?

h)   What has been the cost of security for the cloud? Please provide a breakdown.

Answer

The department has no plans to use cloud digital services at this time.

The Department of Parliamentary Services is responsible for providing information and communications technology to the department.