

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS  
ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT

**Corporate**

**Question No. 176**

**Senator Ludwig asked the following question at the hearing on 24 February 2014:**

- 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?

**The answer to the honourable senator's question is as follows:**

1. Following the Machinery of Government changes, the department provides a fully-managed payroll service to the National Portrait Gallery of Australia.
2. The department provides some corporate services to individual agencies within the Attorney-General's portfolio. These services include a range of information technology services; the provision of travel allowance rate advice; accounts management; records management advice and recordkeeping systems; and payroll including payroll services for High Court justices and to the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse, the Royal Commission into the Home Insulation Programme and the Royal Commission into Trade Union Governance and Corruption. The Department also sub-leases office space to two portfolio agencies and one external agency. The Department has no plans to cease these services or arrangements.
3. There has been no impact on costs as a result of Machinery of Government changes for the services set out in answer to question 2 above.