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Legislation Committee

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Introduction

1.1 On 11 May 2004 the Senate referred the following documents to legislation committees for examination and report:

Particulars of proposed expenditure for the service of the year ending on 30 June 2005;

Particulars of certain proposed expenditure in respect of the year ending on 30 June 2005;

Particulars of proposed expenditure in relation to the parliamentary departments in respect of the year ending on 30 June 2005;

Particulars of certain proposed supplementary expenditure in respect of the year ending on 30 June 2004; and

Particulars of proposed supplementary expenditure in respect of the year ending on 30 June 2004.¹

1.2 Following the adoption of the recommendations of the Procedure Committee's *Third Report of 2003*, the Tax Expenditures Statement 2003 was also referred to legislation committees for consideration during the examination of estimates of government expenditure.²

1.3 The Committee was required to report to the Senate on 17 June 2004.³

Hearings

1.4 The Committee conducted public hearings on the Communications, Information Technology and the Arts portfolio on 24, 25, 26 and 27 May 2004 and on the Environment and Heritage portfolio on 27 May 2004. The original agenda and the two revisions made by the Committee in response to changed circumstances are shown in Appendix 1. The evidence given is recorded in Hansard and is available on the Internet at:

<http://www.aph.gov.au/hansard/senate/commtee/s-ecita.htm>

1.5 Written responses and information provided to the Committee on notice arising from the hearings are compiled as volumes of Additional Information. These volumes are tabled in the Senate and the responses are posted on the Committee's web page at:

http://www.aph.gov.au/senate/committee/ecita_ctte/quest_answers/index.htm

1 *Journals of the Senate*, No.144, 11 May 2004, pages 3381 and 3382.

2 *Journals of the Senate*, No.144, 11 May 2004, p. 3378.

3 *Journals of the Senate*, No. 123, 3 December 2003, p. 2840.

Questions on notice – date for response

1.6 In accordance with Standing Order 26(9)(a), the Committee has fixed Friday, 6 August 2004 as the date for written answers or additional information to be provided in response to questions placed on notice.

Portfolio specific issues

Communications, Information Technology and the Arts portfolio

1.7 On the first day of its examination of the 2004-2005 Budget Estimates, the Committee examined the telecommunications areas of the portfolio.

1.8 The Committee welcomed Senator the Hon Rod Kemp, Minister for the Arts and Sport, representing the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts, the Hon Daryl Williams MP.

1.9 During its examination of estimates, the Committee raised a variety of issues which are noted below. The page references beside each issue refer to the proof transcript for Monday, 24 May 2004.

Outcome 3 – Development of services and provision of a regulatory environment which encourages a sustainable and effective communications sector for the benefit of all Australians and an internationally competitive information economy and Information and Communications Technology industry

Telecommunications issues

Telstra

- request for particular witnesses (pp. 5–9)
- increased monthly line rentals (pp. 9–19, 22–23, 24)
- reward options (p. 14)
- introduction of credit card surcharge (pp. 19–20)
- payment options (pp. 19–21, 24–25)
- broadband caps (pp. 23–24)
- projected base line access revenue (p. 25)
- sponsorship arrangements with Macquarie Radio-2GB (pp. 26–41)
- Telstra's general corporate strategy (pp. 41–42)
- Telstra Country Wide in Western Australia (pp. 42–44)

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- Telstra reaction to negative comments (pp. 44, 45–47, 60–62)
 - provision of reverse charge service (pp. 50–51)
 - advertising contract with George Patterson (pp. 51, 54–60, 62–64)
 - testing and evaluating Internet filtering technologies (pp. 51–54)
 - offshore outsourced IT work (pp. 64–65)
 - acquisition of Kaz Computing company (pp. 65–66)
 - lowering of prices for ADSL services and role of the ACCC (pp. 66–73)
 - service disruption notices in north Queensland (pp. 73–76)
 - extension of broadband services in certain north Queensland areas (pp. 77–79)
 - impact of HiBIS scheme on Telstra's broadband register (pp. 80–82)

Australia Post

- number of licensed and corporate post offices closed since July 2003 (pp. 86–88)
- introduction of the franchise PostShops network and effects on staff (pp. 88–95)
- provisions for redeployment of staff (p. 93)
- delivery performance figures (p. 97)
- projected labour reductions with the introduction of new mail sorting machinery (p. 98)

Australian Communications Authority

- access controls on the 19 number range (pp. 99–100, 104)
- Telstra's handling of calls to 000 concerning Gilmore house fire in December 2003 (pp. 101–103)
- KPMG inquiry and report on the use of customer service exemptions by carriers (pp. 106–109)
- code for consumer contract (pp. 110–111)

DCITA Output 3.1—Policy advice and program management which encourages competitively priced and reasonably accessible telecommunications and postal services

- administered expenses and special accounts under output 3.1 (pp. 112–119)
- Networking the Nation program (pp. 119–121)
- HiBIS program (pp. 121–126)

1.10 The Committee continued its examination of this portfolio on its second day of hearings, looking at the broadcasting, copyright and information technology areas. The page references refer to the proof transcript for Tuesday, 25 May 2004.

Broadcasting issues

Australian Broadcasting Authority

- correspondence between ABA Chairman and Mr Alan Jones (pp. 5–22)
- standard for the disclosure of a conflict of interest (pp. 23–32)
- process of preparing draft reports and any investigation into circumstances of a draft report on the *Media Watch* web site (pp. 32–49)
- Cybersmart Kids Online web site (pp. 49–50)
- satellite delivered pornography (pp. 50–52)

Australian Broadcasting Corporation

- funding of the national interest initiative (pp. 52–53)
- media monitoring arrangement with Reame (pp. 55–65, 78–82)
- review of the complaints handling processes (pp. 65–68)
- editorial policy towards interviewing preselected candidates prior to elections being called (pp. 68–70, 85–86)
- comments from a board member on the program *Media Watch* (pp. 70–77)
- ABC NewsRadio coverage (pp. 84–85)
- declining coverage of the arts on the ABC (pp. 87–89)
- national sports news service (pp. 89–90)

Special Broadcasting Service Corporation

- cessation of the *Movie Show* in its current format (pp. 90–91)
- radio and television broadcasting services in a language other than English (pp. 95)
- process for selection of documentaries (p. 96)
- funding required to extend SBS Radio (pp. 98–100)

DCITA Output 3.2—Policy advice and program management which promote accessible high quality broadcasting services

- the television and radio black spots program (pp. 100–103)
- funding for the Community Broadcasting Foundation (pp. 104–105)
- review of the anti-siphoning list (pp. 106–107)
- reviews required in the Broadcasting Services Act to be conducted this calendar year, including the Indigenous television review (pp. 107–110)

Information and communications technology issues

Australian Government Information Management Office

- funds transferred to AGIMO from NOIE (pp. 111–114)
- functions and staff transferred to AGIMO from NOIE (pp. 114–119)

Copyright issues

DCITA Output 3.4—Policy advice and program management of copyright issues that encourage the production of content and promote reasonable access to research and cultural materials

- the digital agenda review (p. 121)
- effect of the free trade agreement on technological protection measures (pp. 121–125)
- effect of the US software patents system on the management of intellectual property in Australia (pp. 125–126)

Corporate

- access to departmental email accounts (pp. 126–127)

- IT outsourcing contracts and the management of the department's web site (pp. 127–128)

1.11 On the Wednesday, after examining the National Archives of Australia, the Committee concluded its examination of DCITA information technology outputs before resuming its examination of the remaining arts and sports outcomes. The page references refer to the proof transcript for 26 May 2004.

DCITA Output 3.5—Strategic advice, activities and representation relating to Australia's development as an information economy, nationally and internationally

- funds and functions transferred to this output from NOIE (pp. 10–13)
- impact of the e-commerce provisions of the free trade agreement on the information economy in Australia (pp. 14–15)

DCITA Output 3.3—Policy advice and program management that assist the development of the Information and Communications Technology Industry

- funding for the ICT centre of excellence (pp. 18–21)
- BITS incubator program funding (pp. 21–23)
- CSE arrangement with the Department of Immigration, Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs (pp. 25–28)
- requirements under the Commonwealth procurement guidelines (pp. 29–33)

Arts and Sport issues

Outcome 1—Development of a rich and stimulating cultural sector for all Australians

National Archives of Australia

- effect of the efficiency dividend and the allocation to offset wage increases (pp. 4–5)
- relationship of the NAA with the Australian Government Information Management Office (pp. 5–6)
- development of standards and guides for the creation, management and archiving of government digital information (pp. 5–7)
- access to the National Library's proposed new storage facility (p. 9)

Australia Council

- new output structure for the Council (pp. 34–36)

- additional funding in the appropriations and its distribution (pp. 38–45)
- review of symphony orchestras and allocation of funds (pp. 46–51)
- progress of the implementation of a resale royalty scheme (pp. 51–53)
- Myer review recommendations which have been implemented (p. 54)

National Library of Australia

- service of the efficiency dividend (p. 55)
- funding for a new facility to provide collection and storage space for portfolio institutions (pp. 55–56)
- funding for regional touring programs (p. 57)
- progress of the Ask Now service provided by the library (p. 58)

Australian Film Commission

- new output structure to reflect the integration of ScreenSound (p. 59)
- correction of figures provided in the portfolio budget statements (pp. 59–60)
- changes emanating from the corporate services review (p. 61,)
- representations made by the AFC on behalf of the Australian film industry concerning the free trade agreement with the USA (p. 64)
- integration of ScreenSound (pp. 65–73)
- role of the interim archive advisory committee (pp. 74–75)

Australian Film Finance Corporation

- the new draft funding guidelines for 2004-05 (pp. 76–77)

Australian National Maritime Museum

- regional touring programs (p. 81)
- collecting and purchasing policies (pp. 82–83)
- update on the *Endeavour* replica program and the *HM Bark Endeavour* Foundation (pp. 83–84)

National Gallery of Australia

- the Committee noted that this was Dr Kennedy's last estimates appearance. Members of the Committee expressed their appreciation to him for his

contributions to it during his term as Director of the NGA and for his achievements at the Gallery (pp. 84–85, 90–91, 92)

- increases in insurance premiums (pp. 86–87)
- progress report on the refurbishment of the front entrance (p. 87–88)
- progress of an investigation by Comcare (p. 89)
- regional touring programs (pp. 89–90)
- process for the appointment of a new director and remuneration package (pp. 91–92)

National Museum of Australia

- regional touring exhibitions (pp. 94–95)
- appointment of the new director (pp. 96–97)
- role of council members in the purchase of artefacts on behalf of the Museum (p. 100)

Australian Business Arts Foundation

- breakdown of the funding provided to ABAF and accountability mechanisms (pp. 101–102)

DCITA Output 1.1—Policy advice, program management and agency support which promotes access to and excellence in Australia’s cultural activities and preservation and development of our cultural collections

- funding for the Regional Arts Fund (pp. 102–105)
- funding for the National Institute of Circus Arts (p. 105)
- funding for Playing Australia (pp. 105–107)
- breakdown of expenditure under the Cultural Development Program (pp. 108–109)
- funding provided to the national training institutions (p. 109)

DCITA Output 1.2 – Preservation of and access to Old Parliament House and the National Portrait Gallery and their respective collections

- funding for Old Parliament House and the National Portrait Gallery (pp. 111–112)
- acquisitions budget for the Portrait Gallery (p. 112)

Outcome 2—Development of a stronger and internationally competitive Australian sports sector and encouragement of greater participation in sport by all Australians

Australian Sports Commission

- explanation of incorrect figures in the ASC Annual Report (pp. 128–129)

Australian Sports Drug Agency

- adequacy of increased funding to maintain current drug testing levels (p. 131)

DCITA Output 2.1—Policy advice, program management and agency support in relation to sports, anti-doping and industry development measures which support the Australian sports sector

- clarification of figures in the budget documents (p. 114, 116)
- explanation of increased staffing levels for 2004-05 (pp. 114–115)
- funding for the 2006 Commonwealth Games, Melbourne (pp. 116–126)

1.12 The Committee did not conclude its examination of this Outcome on Wednesday night, and continued its examination of the Australian Sports Commission, the Australian Sports Drug Agency and DCITA Output 2.1 the next morning. The page references below refer to the proof transcript for Thursday, 27 May 2004.

DCITA Output 2.1—Policy advice, program management and agency support in relation to sports, anti-doping and industry development measures which support the Australian sports sector

- continuation of the Indigenous sport program (pp. 1–4)

Australian Sports Commission

- role of the ASC in the Indigenous sport program (pp. 4–6)

Australian Sports Drug Agency

- delay in resolving drug test infraction (pp. 6–7)
- circumstances of the inquiry into the finding of banned drugs in a cyclist's room (pp. 8–11)
- investigation into allegations of importation of a suspected banned substance by an Australian athlete and the ensuing *Four Corners* program (pp. 11–16)
- existence of a grassroots sports fund (pp. 16–20)

- status of the Australian Soccer Association's business plan (pp. 22–25)

Environment and Heritage portfolio

1.13 At the conclusion of the examination of the Communications, Information Technology and the Arts portfolio, officers from the Environment and Heritage portfolio were called.

1.14 The Committee welcomed Senator the Hon Ian Macdonald, Minister for Fisheries, Forestry and Conservation, representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage, Dr David Kemp MP.

1.15 Questions were first asked of the department on a general basis:

- importance of the concept of a whole-of-government approach to environmental management (pp. 27–28)
- defunding of Cooperative Research Centres (CRCs) (pp. 28–37)
- clarification of the respective roles of DAFF (Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry) and DEH (Department of the Environment and Heritage) (pp. 37–41)
- the components of environment protection (p. 43)
- amount spent on renewable energy projects (p. 49)

Outcome 2—Australia's interests in Antarctica are advanced

Antarctic Division

- proposal for an air link to Casey Station (pp. 50–53)

Outcome 1—The environment, especially those aspects that are matters of national environmental significance, is protected and conserved

Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority

- end of river pollution load targets (pp. 53–57)
- dredging of Mackay Harbour (pp. 57–60)
- update of visitation rate at Reef Headquarters (p. 60)
- current full time equivalent staffing (p. 61)
- details of the public education program (p. 62)
- progress report on the pontoon extensions off Cairns (p. 63)

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- liaising with Indigenous communications and traditional owners on the impact of rezoning (p. 64)
 - Great Barrier Reef coastal wetland protection program (pp. 65–67)
 - role of the Reef Cooperative Research Centre (p. 67)

National Oceans Office

- release of the south-east regional marine plan (p. 68)
- proposed marine parks at Zeehan, Tasmania and Murray Canyons, SA (pp. 68–73)
- timeline to finalise other protected areas (p. 73)

Supervising Scientist Division

- allocation of funds for the Supervising Scientist Division (SSD) (pp. 74–75)
- review of the SSD (pp. 75–78)
- rehabilitation of the Ranger site (p. 78)
- rehabilitation at Nabarlek (p. 79–81)
- incident at Jabiru east (pp. 82–90)
- machinery incident in the CDEP yards (pp. 90–92)

Sydney Harbour Federation Trust

- increased funding for remediation of contaminated sites (p. 92)
- staff numbers (p. 93)

Office of the Renewable Energy Regulator

- maintenance of the register of RECs on the web site (pp. 93–98)

Australian Greenhouse Office

- delay in the return of responses to additional estimates questions on notice (p. 98)
- funding for Queensland land-clearing (pp. 98–99)
- underspending in AGO programs (pp. 100–101)
- reconciliation of old programs with current programs (pp. 104–111)

Parks Australia

- funding for the National Reserve System program (pp. 115–117)
- mapping of biodiversity regions around Australia (p. 118)
- review of the Great Australian Bight Marine Park management plan (pp. 119–121)

Department of the Environment and Heritage*Approvals and Wildlife Division*

- drainage works at the Munday Swamp area of Perth Airport (pp.122–130)
- update on the Stuart shale oil project (pp. 130–131)
- request for ground water hydrology at the proposed nuclear dump site (pp. 131–132)

Corporate Strategy Division

- projected job levels in the department (p. 132)

Heritage Division

- heritage nominations on Norfolk Island (pp. 133–136)

Land, Water and Coasts Division

- water quality and pollution load targets (pp. 136–142)

National Resource Management Programmes Division

- details of financial commitments under the Natural Heritage Trust in 2004-05 (p. 142)
- amount committed for water quality improvement projects (p. 142)

Policy Coordination and Environment Protection Division

- advertising for the Envirofund (pp. 143–144)
- proposed advertising campaigns (p. 145)
- the national advertising campaign relating to the Product Stewardship for Oil Program (p. 146)
- future spending in relation to Envirofund advertising (pp. 146–148)

Matters arising during the inquiry

Late return of responses to questions on notice

1.16 The Committee has repeatedly expressed its concern in previous reports about past failures to provide responses in a timely manner and its expectation that responses to questions on notice should be provided to it by the due date. Although responses from the Additional Estimates hearings in February 2004 had been due by 2 April 2004, the last of the responses was provided to the Committee only during the week that the Budget Estimates hearings were conducted in late May. On 14 May 2004 the Committee wrote to the Hon Daryl Williams MP, Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts, to express its concern about the large number of answers that remained unanswered for his portfolio at that time. The Committee also raised the issue during the course of the hearings.

1.17 In setting 6 August 2004 as the deadline for answers to questions on notice from the current round of hearings, the Committee believes that it is allowing ample opportunity for answers to be carefully considered and submitted in a timely manner.

Comprehensiveness of Budget Estimates process

1.18 The Committee has held the longstanding view that all Government agencies should expect to have to account for their activities at Budget estimates. The Senate has also frequently stated its view that there are no areas in connection with the expenditure of public funds where any person has a discretion to withhold details or explanations from the Parliament or its committees unless the Parliament has expressly provided otherwise.

1.19 In the lead-up to this year's hearings, the Committee's attention was drawn to the existence of several government companies under the *Commonwealth Authorities and Companies Act 1997* – all in the CITA portfolio - only some of which were being included in the Committee's program.

1.20 Accordingly, in the interests of comprehensiveness and transparency, the Committee resolved to list all government companies in the program under the relevant departmental outcome and it was left to the discretion of officials to determine whether company representatives needed to attend the hearings in person or whether departmental officers were in a sufficiently knowledgeable position to respond to the Committee's inquiries on their behalf.

1.21 The Committee proposes to continue this practice. While not all government companies were the subject of questioning on this occasion, the Committee believes that, by including all relevant government agencies in the hearing program, senators are made aware of the opportunity to be able to hold them to account for their activities at least once a year.

Acknowledgements

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Senator Alan Eggleston
Chairman

Appendix 1

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MONDAY, 24 May 2004

	Communications, Information Technology and the Arts Portfolio
	Department of Communications, Information Technology and the Arts
	Outcome 3—Development of services and provision of a regulatory environment which encourages a sustainable and effective communications sector for the benefit of all Australians and an internationally competitive information economy and Information and Communications Technology industry
9.00am	Telstra
	Australia Post
	Australian Communications Authority
	DCITA Output 3.1—Policy advice and program management which encourages competitively priced and reasonably accessible telecommunications and postal services
	Australian Broadcasting Corporation
	Special Broadcasting Service
11.00pm	Adjournment

<u>TUESDAY, 25 MAY 2004</u>	
	Communications, Information Technology and the Arts Portfolio
	Department of Communications, Information Technology and the Arts
	Outcome 3—Development of services and provision of a regulatory environment which encourages a sustainable and effective communications sector for the benefit of all Australians and an internationally competitive information economy and Information and Communications Technology industry
9.00am	Australian Broadcasting Authority
	Australian Broadcasting Corporation <i>(continued, if required, from previous night)</i>
	Special Broadcasting Service <i>(continued, if required, from previous night)</i>
	DCITA Output 3.2 —Policy advice and program management which promote accessible high quality broadcasting services <i>(including matters related to NetAlert Limited)</i>
4.00pm approx	DCITA Output 3.4 —Policy and program management of copyright issues that encourage the production of content and promote reasonable access to research and cultural materials
	DCITA Corporate Services
	DCITA Output 3.3 —Policy advice and program management that assist the development of the Information and Communications Technology Industry
	Australian Government Information Management Office
	DCITA Output 3.5 —Strategic advice, activities and representation relating to Australia's development as an information economy, nationally and internationally
11.00pm	Adjournment
<u>WEDNESDAY, 26 MAY 2004</u>	
	Communications, Information Technology and the Arts Portfolio
	Department of Communications, Information Technology and the Arts
9.00am	Outcome 1—Development of a rich and stimulating cultural sector for all Australians
	National Archives of Australia
	Australia Council
	Australian Film Commission
	Australian Film, Television and Radio School
	Australian National Maritime Museum
	National Gallery of Australia
	National Library of Australia
	National Museum of Australia
	DCITA Output 1.1 —Policy advice, program management and agency support which promotes access to and excellence in Australia's cultural activities and

	preservation and development of our cultural collections <i>(including matters related to the Australia Business Arts Foundation Limited; Bundanon Trust; Film Australia Limited and Film Finance Corporation Australia Limited)</i>		
	DCITA Output 1.2 —Preservation of and access to Old Parliament House and the National Portrait Gallery and their respective collections		
	Outcome 2—Development of a stronger and internationally competitive Australian sports sector and encouragement of greater participation in sport by all Australians		
	Australian Sports Commission		
	Australian Sports Drug Agency		
	DCITA Output 2.1 —Policy advice, program management and agency support in relation to sports, anti-doping and industry development measures which support the Australian sports sector.		
11.00pm	Adjournment		
<u>THURSDAY, 27MAY 2004</u>			
	Environment and Heritage Portfolio		
	Department of Environment and Heritage		
9.00am	Outcome 2—Australia’s interests in Antarctica are advanced		
	Australian Antarctic Division		
	Outcome 1—The environment, especially those aspects that are matters of national environmental significance, is protected and conserved		
	Supervising Scientist Division		
	Bureau of Meteorology		
	Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority		
	National Oceans Office		
	Sydney Harbour Federation Trust		
	Office of the Renewable Energy Regulator		
	Australian Greenhouse Office		
	Parks Australia		
	Department of the Environment and Heritage Approvals and Wildlife Division Corporate Strategies Division Heritage Division Land, Water and Coasts Division Natural Resource Management Programmes Division Policy Coordination and Environment Protection Division		
11.00pm	Adjournment		
BREAKS	Lunch	1.00pm	2.00pm
	Dinner	6.00pm	7.00pm

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	DCITA Output 3.5—Strategic advice, activities and representation relating to Australia's development as an information economy, nationally and internationally
	DCITA Output 3.3—Policy advice and program management that assist the development of the Information and Communications Technology Industry

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	Australian Film Commission
	Australian Film, Television and Radio School
	Australian National Maritime Museum
	National Gallery of Australia
	National Library of Australia
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AMENDED AGENDA

<u>THURSDAY, 27MAY 2004</u>	
	Communications, Information Technology and the Arts Portfolio
	Department of Communications, Information Technology and the Arts
9.00am	<i>Continued from previous night</i> Outcome 2—Development of a stronger and internationally competitive Australian sports sector and encouragement of greater participation in sport by all Australians
	Australian Sports Commission
	Australian Sports Drug Agency
	DCITA Output 2.1—Policy advice, program management and agency support in relation to sports, anti-doping and industry development measures which support the Australian sports sector.

	Environment and Heritage Portfolio		
11.00am	Department of Environment and Heritage		
	Outcome 2—Australia’s interests in Antarctica are advanced		
	Australian Antarctic Division		
	Outcome 1—The environment, especially those aspects that are matters of national environmental significance, is protected and conserved		
	Supervising Scientist Division		
	Bureau of Meteorology		
	Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority		
	National Oceans Office		
	Sydney Harbour Federation Trust		
	Office of the Renewable Energy Regulator		
	Australian Greenhouse Office		
	Parks Australia		
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