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TOPIC: SAP Implementation Project costs

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Senator COLBECK: Mr Whelan, I spoke to you before about the SAP implementation project that is part of the BETR project. Can you please clarify what the project budget was and what the full cost of delivering the project was?

Mr Whelan: I am pretty sure we have taken that question on notice previously and answered it. I will be happy to check that. But if we have not, I will give you those details. It is approximately four years since the SAP system and the BETR project were implemented. So the timeframe is probably about 2008 and 2009 when I was answering questions on that. But I am happy to check the record and provide them to you.

Senator COLBECK: If you could advise that that is the full cost of the project. I would just like to know whether or not there were a number of different accounts over which was spread the reporting of the costs.

Mr Whelan: There certainly would have been a number of different accounts in our general ledger that we would have recorded costs against. We would have recorded costs against people, software, training and travel. So there will be a range of them. But there will be a project cost centre which accumulated all of those different accounts, and I will provide you with the report against the value against that cost centre.

Senator COLBECK: So you can then assure me that the compilation of that provides the total cost to the project?

Mr Whelan: To the best of our efforts, yes, Senator, I can do that.

ANSWER

This question was answered by CSIRO at the Additional Estimates hearing held 26 February 2009. Refer to pages E175-6.