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TOPIC: Education Projects- New Horizons Centre Project

REFERENCE: Written Question – Senators McDonald and Nash

QUESTION No.: SI-48

1. What is the status of the New Horizons Centre project?
2. Why is the project still at a planning stage?
3. How much has the Commonwealth expended to date on this project?
4. Is the project running to schedule and within budget?
5. Has the Department and Minister been provided with any advice as to the status and progress of this project?

ANSWER

1. The New Horizons project is on schedule. Architects are working to finalise the designs by early next year as programmed. Relocation of existing activities on the site is under way, and site clearance has commenced.
2. Concept design was completed in September 2009. Architects are working to complete Schematic Design. The design process is on schedule to be completed as programmed.
3. \$2,400,000 (GST exclusive).
4. The project is running to schedule and within budget.
5. The Department has received Milestone reports 1 and 2, and Annual Business Plan 1 for 2010.