

Senate Standing Committee on Finance and Public Administration

ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Human Services Portfolio

Centrelink

Budget Estimates 2007-08 - May 2007

Question: HS34

Outcome 1, Output 1.1

Topic: Centrelink – Disaggregating IT Project Estimates for 2007-08 and 2008-09

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SENATOR LUNDY asked on 24/05/2007:

Senator LUNDY—To give me a clearer idea about those increments, could you take on notice disaggregating that with specific projects across the categories that you have managed to break it down into in the answer to this question.

Mr Wadeson—We will do that with the major projects.

Answer:

Centrelink provided the response below to a previous Question on Notice in March 2007 (HS3, F&PA 139 Additional Estimates Hearing February 2007).

	2006/2007	2005/2006	2004/2005	2003/2004	2002/2003
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Telephony - telecommunication charges	51.06	57.70	56.60	51.42	64.85
Infrastructure					
<i>Software - costs and licensing</i>	129.30	120.12	105.02	102.35	93.77
<i>Hardware - capital costs</i>	109.30	69.82	20.16	55.13	54.75
Systems modifications	127.75	107.65	99.32	106.18	111.76
Staff/admin/operating costs	108.13	89.12	78.96	96.49	84.47

Note: 2006/07 figures are budgeted figures, not actual expenditure.

Centrelink now provides a breakdown of expenditure by major project:

Breakdown of Systems Modifications (Projects)

Systems Modifications	2006-07	2005-06
	\$m	\$m
Refresh	51.23	47.28
Welfare to Work	16.28	34.50
Access Card	4.90	0.00
Other Budget Measures	55.34	25.87
Total	127.75	107.65