

SENATE LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL LEGISLATION COMMITTEE
AUSTRALIAN CUSTOMS SERVICE

Question No. 128

Senator Ludwig asked the following question at the hearing on 17 February 2006:

Further to the reply to Question 222 from 2 December 2004:

Regarding the \$12million budgeted in 2004-05 in relation to the operation and support of the new ICS system, given that the proposed turn-on date was not met -

- a) Was all of the funding expended?
- b) How much has been spent on maintaining and operating legacy systems?
- c) Provide a breakdown of costs associated with CMR, including:
 - i) Total development and implementation costs to cutover date, and since the cutover date.
 - ii) The non-CCF portion of the development and implementation costs to cutover date, and since cutover date.
 - iii) The CCF portion of the development and implementation costs to cutover date, and since cutover date
 - iv) The amount spent on the operation and support of the new systems (as mentioned as the \$12million amount in QoN 222 from 2 December 2004) to cutover date, and since cutover date
 - v) The amount spend on maintaining and operating legacy systems (as mentioned as the \$4million amount in QoN 222 from 2 December 2004) to cutover date, and since cutover date
- d) What was the final contracted amount with Computer Associates?
 - i) What were the travel budget, actuals, etc.

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

- a) The \$12m was fully expended. It should be noted that the Exports version of the system was implemented during the 2004-05 financial year and the imports version was in operation for the purpose of industry test, training and ongoing development.
- b) None of the \$12m was spent on maintaining and operating legacy systems.
- c)
 - i) Total development and implementation costs to cutover date (Oct 2005) are \$196.5m, and since the cutover date (until Jan 06) further development and implementation costs have been \$7.7m.
 - ii) The non-CCF portion of the development and implementation costs to cutover date (Oct 2005) are \$149.0m, and since cutover date (until Jan 06) further development and implementation costs have been \$7.7m..
 - iii) The CCF portion of the development and implementation costs to cutover date (Oct 2005) are \$47.5m, and since cutover date (until Jan 06) no further development and implementation costs have been incurred.
 - iv) The entire \$12 million as mentioned in QoN 222 was expended in 2004/05 before the cutover date.
 - v) The entire \$4 million as mentioned in QoN 222 was expended in 2004/05 before the cutover date.
- d) The final contracted amount with Computer Associates since they were engaged on the project was \$64.2m (Exclusive of GST).
 - i) Travel costs for Computer Associate employees are met by Computer Associates.