

SENATE LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL LEGISLATION COMMITTEE
ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT

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Question No. 34

Senator Ludwig asked the following question at the hearing on 14 February 2006:

The Document Verification Service – payments to participating agencies:

- a) how much money has been expended?
- b) how much is expected to be spent to 30 June 2006?
- c) if any amount is to be re-apportioned, how much?
- d) will there be a delay in the completion of this project?

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

The allocation of funds to the agencies participating in the DVS pilot is contingent upon the construction of certain components of the prototype DVS. As that work is now completed, and Memoranda of Understanding have been signed, we anticipate receiving invoices from the specified agencies in the near future.

a) and b)

	Allocation 2005-06 \$m	Expenditure to date \$m	Expected payment date	Allocation 2006-07 \$m	Notes
AGD	0.846	0.230	n/a	0.392	Overall national strategy, which includes the DVS pilot project plus other work being undertaken on the National Identity Security Strategy.
Privacy Commissioner	0.150	0	March 2006	0.075	Overall national strategy including pilots
DIMA	1.690	0	April 2006		DVS pilot
DFAT	0.421	0	April 2006		DVS pilot
Centrelink	1.316	0	April 2006	0.030	DVS pilot
Austroads	0.052	0	April 2006		DVS pilot
Births, Deaths & Marriages	0.089	0	Monthly invoices		DVS pilot
ATO	0.808		June 2006		Data Integrity pilot
State agencies	0.051		June 2006		Data Integrity pilot

c) The Department does not expect to carryover any funding from the initiative in relation to the prototype DVS.

d) The prototype DVS is scheduled to run until 30 June 2006. An evaluation of the prototype and the pilot is expected to be completed by 31 December 2006.