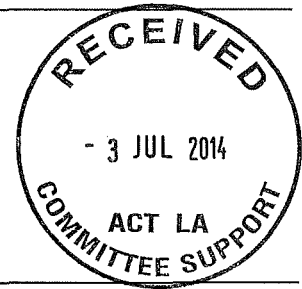




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ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

MR DOSZPOT : To ask the Chief Minister

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In relation to : iConnect

1. When is this platform be delivered?
2. Will these savings result in a reduction or re-deployment of staff, if so, how many, when and where?
3. How will the net savings be apportioned to each agency?
4. What are the details of the capital expenditure for the forward years?
5. What are the details of the associated expenses for the forward years?
6. What are the details of the associated expenses for the forward years i.e, why are the associated expenses \$2.047m for 2014-2015, \$201k for 2015-2016 moving into -\$2.947 2016-2017 and - \$9.036m in 2017-2018?

MS GALLAGHER: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:-

1. There will be an iterative rollout of the iConnect platform over the next four years focusing on a series of technology-based investments, to ensure interoperability across various existing and planned ICT systems, improving internal process and enhancing the service experience for the community.
2. There is no anticipated reduction in or redeployment of staff. The iConnect platform will drive increased internal productivity and will potentially result in an opportunity for staff to focus on higher level work including complex case management and transactions.
3. The work in confirming the net savings apportioned to each agency will be undertaken as part of further detailed analysis of transactions as part of the program.
4. The capital expenditure for the forward years are:

	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	Total
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Capital	1,651	6,061	5,696	3,467	16,875
Capital – savings	0	0	-500	-500	-1,000
Total	1,651	6,061	5,196	2,967	15,875

The funds will be used to cover investment such as:

- iConnect design;
- project management;
- software and hardware licences, configuration, integration;
- development, test and production environments with associated ICT Infrastructure; and
- implementation.

5. The associated expenditure for the forward years are :

	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	Total
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Associated expenses	2,047	701	1,073	1,073	4,894
Associated expenses – savings (WHOG)	0	-500	-4,020	-10,109	-14,629
Total	2,047	201	-2,947	-9,036	-9,735

The funds will be used to cover expenditure such as:

- enterprise architecture, platform planning and consultation costs;
 - procurement processes; and
 - ongoing maintenance and support.
6. The expenses of \$2.047m for 2014-2015, \$0.201m for 2015-2016 moving into -\$2.947m in 2016-2017 and -\$9.036m in 2017-2018 show the total as expenses minus savings (refer to table above).

Savings are to be achieved through reduction in time involved in processing digital transactions in comparison to paper-based transactions, reduced postage, packaging and materials, rework in correcting data errors as data can be validated at input and productivity increases.

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Signature:



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By the Chief Minister, Katy Gallagher, MLA