

**Question on Notice**  
**No. 613**  
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MR MALONE asked the Minister for Health (MR ROBERTSON)-

QUESTION:

With reference to the several changes in contractual arrangements with Telstra and Optus which have occurred in his portfolio between 2000 and 2006 for the provision of services including telecommunications, data lines and switchboard lines—

- (1) What was the duration and the cost of each contract with each provider for the period of their respective contracts during the abovementioned period?
- (2) In respect of the contracts in (1), what was the breakdown of costs (reported separately) for each of the components, i.e. telecommunications, data lines and switchboard lines?

ANSWER:

Details of contractual arrangements with Telstra and Optus 2000-2006 follow:

<b>Telstra</b>	<b>Duration of contract</b>	<b>Total cost \$M</b>	<b>Component</b>	<b>Cost of component \$M</b>
2000/01-2001/02	2 years	6.133		
			- Telecommunications lines (PSTN)	-
			- Data lines	6.133
			- Switchboard lines	-
2002/03-2005/06	3 years and 8 months	19.868		
			- Telecommunications lines (PSTN)	-
			- Data lines	19.868
			- Switchboard lines	-
<b>Optus</b>	<b>Duration of contract</b>	<b>Total cost \$M</b>	<b>Component</b>	<b>Cost of component \$M</b>
2000/01-2005/06	5 years and 8 months	0.494		
			- Telecommunications lines (PSTN)	-
			- Data lines	0.494
			- Switchboard lines	-

DATA SERVICE CONTRACTS

**TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICE CONTRACTS**

<b>Telstra</b>	<b>Duration of contract</b>	<b>Total cost \$M</b>	<b>Component</b>	<b>Cost of component \$M</b>
2000/01-2001/02	1 year	3.518		
			- Telecommunications lines (PSTN)	2.605
			- Data lines	-
			- Switchboard lines	0.913
2002/03-2005/06	4 years and 8 months	18.225		
			- Telecommunications lines (PSTN)	12.754
			- Data lines	-
			- Switchboard lines	5.471