MRS STUCKEY asked the Minister for Public Works and Information and Communication Technology (MR SCHWARTEN)-

QUESTION:

With reference to SAP finance and HR systems —
(1)   What was the cost of work done before transitioning from 23 to 13 departments?
(2)   Which departments are continuing to use the legacy systems?
(3)   What payroll systems are currently in use and why have they not been replaced by a single system?

ANSWER:

(1)   From August 2004 to February 2009, $180 million has been invested to provide innovative and cost effective whole-of-Government corporate applications and infrastructure solutions within Government. This important work will be ongoing and will be managed within CorpTech's budget.

(2)   The term 'legacy', in the context of the Shared Service Initiative, applies to systems that have been targeted for replacement through consolidation and rationalisation. The departments continuing to use systems that have been deemed as 'legacy' include:

- The Department of Community Safety:
  – LATTICE Human Resources/Payroll
  – SAP 3.1i for Finance for the former Department of Emergency Services.

    The implementation of a new finance system for the department is a current project and scheduled for implementation by 1 July 2010. The human resources/payroll project will commence at the beginning of 2010 with the first activity to plan and scope the implementation.

- Queensland Health:
  – LATTICE Human Resources/Payroll system – due for replacement in December 2009
  – SAP 3.1i – planning to replace this system will commence early in 2010.

- Queensland Treasury:
  – SAP 4.6B for both Finance and Human Resources/Payroll.

- The Department of Public Works:
  – SAP 3.1i for Finance.

CorpTech continues to provide technical support for these systems.

(3)   The intent of this program is to deliver high-quality, cost-effective corporate services across the Queensland Government. As advised at the Estimates Hearing on 14 July 2009, the Government's target is no longer to have a single system for the whole-of-Government. The target is to rationalise down to four or five payroll systems in the medium term. This change of direction was necessary given the global economic crisis and the complex requirements of both Queensland Health and the Department of Education and Training.

The Human Resources/Payroll systems currently in use include:
- LATTICE – to be replaced
- Aurion
- The Solution Series (TSS)
- SAP 4.6b – to be replaced
- SAP 4.6c
- SAP ECC5.

A revised implementation approach has been developed with the intent to consolidate within the next two to five years around the following Human Resources/Payroll systems:
- Aurion
- The Solution Series (TSS)
- SAP 4.6c
- SAP ECC5
- SAP ERP6 (latest release of SAP).

Over time these environments will migrate to a consolidated and standardised SAP based Human Resources/Payroll environment.