

Question on Notice

No. 1827

Asked on Tuesday, 26 November 2019

MR D CRISAFULLI ASKED THE MINISTER FOR ENVIRONMENT AND THE GREAT BARRIER REEF, MINISTER FOR SCIENCE AND MINISTER FOR THE ARTS (HON L ENOCH)—

QUESTION:

With reference to the department's online licensing system Connect—

Will the Minister detail (a) the original budget for the system's development, (b) the actual cost to date for the system's development, (c) the annual ongoing costs related to the system's operations and (d) the total amount collected under the system's 7 percent user fee?

ANSWER:

I thank the Honourable Member for the question.

Project Unify commenced under the former Newman LNP Government in November 2013 with the stated objective of providing a digital platform 'Connect' for the then Department of Environment and Heritage Protection (EHP) and its customers. A business case developed in February 2014 projected a total budget of \$9.07 million.

In the 2014-15 financial year, the former government then re-baselined the budget to \$10 million.

Total expenditure at project closure in October 2016, was \$11.3 million.

The indicative annual ongoing costs related to the system's operations are \$2,163,303 based on current annual costs for business user support, technical and developer support and software licensing charges.

As at November 2019, the total amount collected under the system's 7 percent user fee is \$820,327.