

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WRITTEN QUESTION

Mr Higgins to the Chief Minister:

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It is noted that the level of satisfaction with IT services reduced by 4% and that shared services for ICT remains an ongoing challenge.

1. Can you please advise how many outdated Lotus Notes databases the Department still relies on? Are there any plans to migrate to modern database software?
2. What contingency is the Department considering in light of possible ICAC reform to assist in having live data of Members' interests on the DLA website? Looking at examples from other Parliaments, such as the Federal Government, Members' pecuniary interests are publically available, current and easy to access.
3. It is noted that the Department is looking at providing advanced search capability for both tabled papers and Parliamentary records for all Assemblies. The current Hansard search capability is extremely limited, whereas other Parliaments have dynamic, user friendly internet sites with strong site navigation and search capability. Does the Department's plan to provide a more effective Hansard search function equal that of other Parliaments?