Questions from Ultranet Industry Briefing

1.00pm to 2.00pm, Wednesday 16th May, 2007
Rooms G1 - G3, Department of Education
2 Treasury Place, Melbourne 3000

1. **Is it the Department’s intention to replace the CASES 21 application?**
   
   No, there are no plans at this time to replace the CASES21 (Computerised Administrative System Environment in Schools) application

2. **Does the Department intend to implement a parallel program to standardise CASES 21?**
   
   CASES 21 is already standardised in all government schools. DoE will provide a standard bi-directional feed to and from CASES 21

3. **In regards to a prime contractor being selected first then mixing and matching tenders, are you able to elaborate on the process?**
   
   The Department wishes to reserve the right to mix and match proposed solutions. The Department will consult with the prime contractor to determine if it is possible to integrate another proposed solution and then form a view. The Department’s preference is to contract with a prime contractor. More detail will be provided in the final RFT.

4. **Given the size of the project, do you have a framework which the project management is based upon?**
   
   The Department has an appropriate ICT governance framework (including Project Board) and uses the Prince2 methodology.

5. **Is it possible to obtain a copy of the Melbourne University Report on Students@Centre?**
   
   An executive summary of the report will be published on the Ultranet web site [www.ultranet.vic.edu.au].

6. **What is the Departments view on offshore services? Is there any preference?**
   
   I would direct you to the current Government procurement policy on offshore services on the Victorian Government Purchasing Board web site [www.vgpb.vic.gov.au].

   Specifically, it is a mandatory requirement of the Department that the application hosting services (including disaster recovery) be provided onshore. The precise location in Australia is at the discretion of the contractor.

7. **Is the pilot still running?**
   
   No.

8. **During this industry review period of the draft RFT, will the Department be open to suggestions regarding products and/or technology?**
   
   No.

Further questions/queries can be directed to:

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