

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE PRESIDENT OF
THE FINANCE AND ECONOMICS COMMITTEE
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 24th MAY 2005

Question

Would the President inform members whether there are any known difficulties in adapting the JD Edwards system for States accounting to accommodate the three per cent Goods and Services Tax (GST), and, if so, what costs may be involved in any conversion?

Answer

As identified in the Crown Agents report, a specialised IT system will be necessary for the administration of the Goods and Services Tax. Any such system would interface with the JD Edwards system for accounting purposes.

The JD Edwards system is a comprehensive and flexible accounting and resource management system which undoubtedly has the functionality to meet the accounting requirements of the Goods and Services Tax. Following the States decision to introduce GST, the detailed specifications and budgets for the implementation of the tax will now be produced but the cost of the modifications to JD Edwards are likely to be relatively minor.