

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

Additional Estimates 2013 - 2014, 26 February 2014

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OUTCOME: 0 - Whole of Portfolio

Topic: Electronic Equipment

Type of Question: Written Question on Notice

Senator: Ludwig Joe

Question:

1. Other than phones, ipads or computers – please list the electronic equipment provided to the Minister’s office since 7 September 2013.
 - a. List the items
 - b. List the items location or normal location
 - c. List if the item is in the possession of the office or an individual staff member of minister, if with an individual list their employment classification level
 - d. List the total cost of the items
 - e. List an itemised cost breakdown of these items
 - f. List the date they were provided to the office
 - g. Note if the items were requested by the office or proactively provided by the department

Answer:

1. The Department of Health provides each of our Ministers and their offices with the option to use a range of electronic equipment including printers, televisions, multi-function devices, label makers, headsets and fax machines to undertake portfolio related business. Many items are reissued from a pool of previously purchased assets.
 - a. As above
 - b. Items are located at the Ministers Commonwealth Parliamentary Offices and their Ministerial Suite at Parliament House.
 - c. All equipment is provided to the office in order for the Ministers, their staff and Departmental Liaison Officers to undertake portfolio related business regardless of classification level.
 - d. Total cost of the new items purchased from 7 September 2013 to 28 February 2014 is \$457, all others items were purchased prior to 7 September 2013.
 - e. New - Small fridge \$199, television \$258, all others items were purchased prior to 7 September 2013.
 - f. New items were provided on 5 February 2014.
 - g. The items listed in e) were requested. The other items listed were proactively provided.