

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

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Senator: Senator McKenzie

Question:

- a) For Departments/Agencies that provide mobile phones to Ministers and/or Parliamentary Secretaries and/or their offices, what type of mobile phone is provided and the costs.
- b) For Departments/Agencies that provide electronic equipment to Ministers and/or Parliamentary Secretaries and/or their offices, what are the ongoing costs for this financial year to date? What were the running costs for 2009-10 and 2010-11?

Answer:

- a) Ministers, the Parliamentary Secretary and their office staff are provided with either a Blackberry or Nokia handset as required. Please refer to Table A for a summary of mobile phone acquisition costs including replacements as required, for the reporting period.
- b) To collate and compile the requested information would involve a significant resource effort that the Department is not currently in a position to undertake.

Table A:

1 July 2011 to 14 Dec 2011		14 Dec 2011 to 31 May 2012	
Minister / Parliamentary Secretary	Total cost of handsets including replacements as required, excl. GST	Minister / Parliamentary Secretary	Total cost of handsets including replacements as required, excl. GST
Minister for Health & Ageing ¹	\$462.73	Minister for Health ²	\$12,452.72
1 July 2011 to 31 May 2012			
Minister / Parliamentary Secretary	Total cost of handsets including replacements as required, excl. GST		
Minister for Mental Health & Ageing	\$1,470.01		
Minister for Indigenous Health ³	Nil		
Parliamentary Secretary for Health & Ageing ⁴	\$462.73		

1 Minister for Health & Ageing: Prior to Ministerial reshuffle on 14 December 2011.

2 Minister for Health: Following Ministerial reshuffle on 14 December 2011.

3 Minister for Indigenous Health: The Minister's lead agency is the Department of Veterans' Affairs, with a three-way cost sharing split between the Department of Veterans' Affairs, the Department of Defence and the Department of Health and Ageing.

4 Parliamentary Secretary for Health and Ageing: The Parliamentary Secretary's costs are split between the Department of Infrastructure and Transport and the Department of Health and Ageing through cost sharing arrangements.