

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

Budget Estimates 2012-2013, 30 & 31 May and 1 June 2012

Question: E12-134

OUTCOME 0: Whole of Portfolio

Topic: Provision of equipment

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Senator: Senator McKenzie

Question:

Please update if there have been any changes since Additional Estimates 2011-12 (February 2012) (E12-109):

Does the department/agency provide their Ministers and/or Parliamentary Secretaries and/or their offices with any electronic equipment? If yes, provide details of what is provided, the cost and to who it is provided.

Answer:

Yes. Each of the Ministers and the Parliamentary Secretary have the option to use a range of electronic equipment including a Blackberry, mobile broadband card, printer, laptop, and desktop computer. General office equipment such as multi-function devices, printers including secure Cabinet printers, televisions, DVD players, transcription kits, label makers and fax machines are allocated to each office for use by the Ministerial Office.

All equipment is provided in order for the Ministers and the Parliamentary Secretary, their staff, Departmental Liaison Officers and Graduates working in Ministers' and Parliamentary Secretary's offices to undertake portfolio related business. Previously purchased items returned to the Department of Health and Ageing are redeployed wherever possible within Ministerial and Parliamentary Secretary offices.

Please refer to **Table A** for an update to the previous response to E12-109, Provision of Equipment.

Table A:

1 July 2011 to 14 Dec 2011		14 Dec 2011 to 31 May 2012	
Minister / Parliamentary Secretary	Total cost of office machinery and equipment excl. GST	Minister / Parliamentary Secretary	Total cost of office machinery and equipment excl. GST
Minister for Health & Ageing ¹	\$5017.09	Minister for Health ²	\$22,297.78
1 July 2011 to 31 May 2012			
Minister / Parliamentary Secretary	Total cost of office machinery and equipment excl. GST		
Minister for Mental Health & Ageing	\$11,304.43		
Minister for Indigenous Health ³	\$452.00		
Parliamentary Secretary for Health & Ageing ⁴	\$790.90		

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.