# **Senate Standing Committee on Economics**

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### **Treasury Portfolio**

Supplementary Budget Estimates 17 October – 18 October 2012

**Question:** SBT 1656-1662

**Topic:** Provision of Equipment (IGT)

Written: Received from Committee – 26 October 2012

#### Senator BUSHBY asked:

- 1656. 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.
- 1657. 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 (26 October 2012)? What were the running costs for 2009-10 and 2010-11?
- 1658. Is electronic equipment (such as ipad, laptop, wireless card, vasco token, blackberry, mobile phone (list type if relevant), thumb drive) provided to department/agency staff? If yes provide details of what is provided, the purchase cost, the ongoing cost and a breakdown of what staff and staff classification receives it.
- 1659. Please update if there have been any changes since Budget Estimates 2011-12 (May 2012): 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.
- 1660. For departments/agencies that provide mobile phones to Ministers and/or Parliamentary Secretaries and/or their offices, what type of mobile phone is provided, the cost and what were the ongoing costs for 2011-12.
- 1661. For departments/agencies that provide electronic equipment to Ministers and/or Parliamentary Secretaries and/or their offices, what type of electronic equipment was provided, the cost and what were the ongoing costs for 2011-12.
- 1662. Is electronic equipment (such as ipad, laptop, wireless card, vasco token, blackberry, mobile phone (list type if relevant), thumb drive) was provided to department/agency staff for 2011-12, provide details of what was provided, the purchase cost, the ongoing cost and a breakdown of what staff and staff classification receives it.

#### **Answer:**

- 1656. Not applicable.
- 1657. Not applicable.
- 1658. Laptops, RSA tokens and USB sticks are available to staff at the EL2, EL1 and APS 5 classification levels for use in the field and as part of the agency's Business Continuity Plan. The Inspector-General of Taxation and the Deputy Inspector-General of Taxation have access

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to an iPad and Blackberry for business requirements so that they may be contactable at any time/and or require remote access to agency resources. The Principal Adviser (EL2) also has access to a Blackberry. The costs and maintenance relating to the acquisition of these electronic devices is managed by the Department of Treasury under a service level agreement with the Inspector-General of Taxation agency (IGT).

- 1659. No. Not applicable.
- 1660. Not applicable.
- 1661. Not applicable.
- 1662. In 2011-12 laptops, RSA tokens and USB sticks were provided to the Deputy Inspector-General of Taxation, and to staff at the EL2, EL1 and APS 5 classification levels for use in the field and as part of the agency's Business Continuity Plan. The Inspector-General of Taxation and the Deputy Inspector-General of Taxation had access to a Blackberry for business requirements so that they may be contactable at any time/and or require remote access to agency resources. The Principal Adviser (EL2) also had access to a Blackberry. The costs and maintenance relating to the acquisition of these electronic devices is managed by the Department of Treasury under a service level agreement with the IGT.