Senate Standing Committee on Economics

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Treasury Portfolio

Supplementary Budget Estimates 17 October – 18 October 2012

Question: SBT 1663-1669

Topic: Provision of Equipment (ASIC)

Written: Received from Committee – 26 October 2012

Senator BUSHBY asked:

- 1663. 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.
- 1664. 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?
- 1665. 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.
- 1666. 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
- 1667. 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.
- 1668. 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.
- 1669. 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:

- 1663. Nil. ASIC does not provide mobile phones to Ministers, Parliamentary Secretaries or their offices.
- 1664. Nil. ASIC does not provide electronic equipment to Ministers, Parliamentary Secretaries or their offices.

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- 1665. Yes. ASIC's policy is to provide electronic equipment to selected staff, based on need and on manager's approval, and in some cases Senior Executive approval. ASIC can provide the following to agency staff:
 - Mobile phone
 - § Nokia C5 (\$237 purchase cost + \$12 per month). Available to staff with a justified and approved need.
 - Blackberry
 - § Blackberry 9900 (\$567 purchase cost + \$51 per month). Available to staff with a justified and approved need.
 - Laptop
 - § The purchase cost via the AGIMO panel is \$1560 for HP 2533T or \$2897 for HP2530 with no ongoing costs. Available to Executive Level 2 staff and above.
 - Vasco tokens
 - § The purchase cost is \$150 per token with no ongoing cost. Provided to staff with a justified and approved need to have remote access.
 - USB Thumb drives
 - § The purchase cost is \$55 per device. Available to staff with a justified and approved need.
- 1666. ASIC does not provide any electronic equipment to Ministers, Parliamentary Secretaries or their offices and this position has not changed since Budget Estimates 2011-12 (May 2012).
- 1667. Nil. ASIC does not provide electronic equipment to Ministers, Parliamentary Secretaries or their offices.
- 1668. Nil. ASIC does not provide electronic equipment to Ministers, Parliamentary Secretaries or their offices.
- 1669. Please refer to answer for 1665 above for details on the types of devices that ASIC can provide, the purchase cost and ongoing cost. A determination regarding provision of electronic equipment is made by the Senior Executive based on the staff member's role and the requirements of their role. As such, equipment can be provided to staff across a range of classifications. The effort required to provide these staff and classification details would require an unreasonable diversion of resources to compile the data.