

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment
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Senator Ludwig provided in writing.

Question

Provision of equipment

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 from 7 September 2013 to date? c) 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. d) 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

The Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations (DEEWR) was abolished on 18 September 2013. Prior to this DEEWR provided Ministers and/or Parliamentary Secretaries and/or their offices with the following range of electronic equipment in the period 1 July 2013 to 17 September 2013:

Type of Equipment	The Hon Julie Collins MP		The Hon Kate Ellis MP		The Hon Bill Shorten MP		The Hon Brendan O'Connor MP		The Hon Kelvin Thomson MP		Totals		
	No. of Items	Cost (a)	No. of Items	Cost (a)	No. of Items	Cost (a)	No. of Items	Cost (a)	No. of Items	Cost (a)	No. of Items	Cost (a)	Ongoing Costs – 7 to 17
Blackberry and iPhones (d)	3	\$2,359	7	\$5,925	15	\$11,235	10	\$8,324	3	\$2,445	38	\$30,288	\$1,618
Cabinet Terminal & Printer	0	\$0	2	\$1,000	2	\$2,000	0	\$0	0	\$0	4	\$3,000	\$550
Desktop Computer (d)	1	\$842	17	\$22,098	27	\$24,259	25	\$24,933	6	\$8,226	76	\$80,358	\$1,701
Data cards (d)	2	\$600	9	\$2,700	12	\$3,600	13	\$3,900	3	\$900	39	\$11,700	\$1,004
Digital Camera	0	\$0	1	\$809	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	1	\$809	\$0
Digital Voice Recorder	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	\$0
DVD player	0	\$0	1	\$530	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	1	\$530	\$0
iPads and Tablets(d)	0	\$0	4	\$2,939	7	\$5,839	3	\$2,250	0	\$0	14	\$11,028	\$0
Laptop (d)	1	\$1,400	4	\$8,385	12	\$16,501	14	\$24,433	3	\$6,438	34	\$57,157	\$389
MFD/Fax Machines/Scanners (b)	1	\$1,800	6	\$22,592	3	\$20,350	3	\$14,050	2	\$15,591	15	\$74,383	\$738
Printer (d)	0	\$0	10	\$6,748	7	\$5,200	7	\$5,600	3	\$890	27	\$18,438	\$0
Remote Access Token (d)	2	\$400	10	\$2,000	15	\$3,000	11	\$2,200	4	\$800	42	\$8,400	\$93
Shredder	0	\$0	2	\$2,200	0	\$0	0	\$0	1	\$3,501	3	\$5,701	\$0
Televisions	0	\$0	6	\$7,841	5	\$7,283	2	\$1,981	1	\$498	14	\$17,603	\$0
Video Conferencing (c)	0	\$0	2	\$14,426	2	\$14,765	1	\$13,426	0	\$0	5	\$42,617	\$683

Notes:

- (a) Cost is the acquisition value or the revalued amount as per the latest asset revaluation which was as at 30 June 2012.
- (b) Multifunction device and printer ongoing costs are combined as details of cost per type of equipment are not recorded by the Department.
- (c) Video conferencing systems can comprise between 1 and 3 equipment component items. Systems are based in Parliament House and the relevant State Commonwealth Parliamentary Office.
- (d) The number of mobile phones, desktop computers, data cards, laptops, printers and remote access tokens on issue varies during the year. The fluctuation is due to changes in staffing to cover peak periods.
- (e) Desktop computers have been allocated to Ministers and their Parliamentary staff at the following locations: Parliament House Canberra; Electoral Offices; and the relevant State Commonwealth Parliamentary Office.
- (f) The on-going costs for 7 to 17 2013 September are based on an apportionment of the monthly ongoing costs for September 2013.

The Department of Education was created on 18 September 2013 and has provided Ministers and/or Parliamentary Secretaries and/or their offices with the following range of electronic equipment in the period 18 September 2013 to 31 October 2013:

Type of Equipment	The Hon Christopher Pyne MP		Senator the Hon Scott Ryan		The Hon Sussan Ley MP		Totals		
	No. of Items	Cost (b)	No. of Items	Cost (b)	No. of Items	Cost (b)	No. of Items	Cost (b)	Ongoing Costs - 18 Sept to 31 Oct 2013
Blackberry and iPhones	7	\$5,085	2	\$1,557	5	\$3,814	14	\$10,456	\$247
Cabinet Terminal & Printer	1	\$960	0	\$0	1	\$960	2	\$1,920	\$1,250
Data cards	5	\$1,500	2	\$600	3	\$900	10	\$3,000	\$1,205
Desktop Computer (b)	23	\$17,674	10	\$7,609	17	\$13,250	50	\$38,533	\$5,088
Satellite Phone	0	\$0	0	\$0	1	\$1,206	1	\$1,206	(f)
Digital Voice Recorder	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	\$0
DVD player	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	\$0
iPads and Tablets	5	\$3,904	0	\$0	6	\$4,662	11	\$8,656	\$0
Laptop	6	\$5,750	2	\$2,250	4	\$3,500	12	\$11,500	\$624
MFD/Fax Machines/Scanners (c)	2	\$17,374	1	\$12,174	3	\$30,266	6	\$59,814	\$84,969
Printer (d)	3	\$890	2	\$1,600	4	\$3,270	9	\$5,760	
Remote Access Token	10	\$2,000	2	\$400	6	\$1,200	18	\$3,600	\$2,916
Shredder	2	\$998	0	\$0	1	\$1,700	3	\$2,698	\$0
Televisions	4	\$4,770	3	\$2,247	7	\$7,144	14	\$14,161	\$0
Video Conferencing (e)	2	\$17,006	1	\$1,476	3	\$40,068	6	\$58,550	\$792

Notes:

- (a) Cost is the acquisition value or the revalued amount as per revaluation of assets as at 30 June 2012.
- (b) Desktop computers have been allocated to Ministers and their Parliamentary staff at the following locations: Parliament House Canberra; Electoral Offices; and the relevant State Commonwealth Parliamentary Office.
- (c) Multifunction device and printer ongoing costs are combined as details of cost per type of equipment are not recorded by the Department.
- (d) Printers include personal desktop and dymo label printers
- (f) Video conferencing systems can comprise between 1 and 3 equipment component items. Systems are based in Parliament House and the relevant State Commonwealth Parliamentary Office. As at end of October 2013 systems were in the process of being installed.
- (g) No phone charges had been received for the satellite phone as at early December 2013.

The Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations (DEEWR) was abolished on 18 September 2013. Prior to this DEEWR provided departmental staff with the following in the period 1 July 2013 to 17 September 2013:

Type of electrical equipment	SES	EL 1-2	APS 4-6	APS 1-3	Shared	Purchase Value	Ongoing Costs – 1 July to 17 September 2013
Barcode Scanner	0	4	10	1	5	\$21,500	\$0
Binding Machine/Folder Inserter/Folding Machine	0	0	0	0	5	\$28,309	\$0
Cable Meter	0	1	0	0	0	\$24,650	\$0
Cable Tester	0	1	0	0	0	\$31,374	\$0
Data Projector	0	3	15	2	98	\$211,552	\$0
Desktop Computers	0	0	1	0	5,745	\$7,547,417	\$917,740
Digital & Desktop Cameras	0	16	35	3	44	\$101,944	\$0
Digital Voice Recorder	0	11	18	0	6	\$40,081	\$0
DVD/Video Camera/Recorder	0	4	2	0	14	\$121,845	\$0
EPIRB (Emergency Position-Indicating Radio Beacon)	0	0	3	0	6	\$11,250	\$0
External Hard drive/DVD Drive	0	2	0	0	12	\$6,397	\$0
iPad	7	32	7	0	30	\$61,739	\$67,996
Laptop/Notebook/Tough book/ Tablet PCs	20	153	154	11	352	\$1,262,437	
MFD/Printers/Photocopies/Fax/Scanner	0	0	0	0	334	\$2,462,951	\$115,935
Mobile Phone - Blackberry	84	379	68	1	207	\$493,014	\$110,207
Mobile Phone - iPhone	29	19	11	0	101	\$134,359	
Mobile Phone - Other	3	7	2	0	7	\$13,176	
Mobile Phone - Satellite	0	3	5	1	26	\$43,584	\$2,623
Monitor	0	0	0	0	9	\$46,823	\$0
PA System	0	0	1	0	3	\$3,013	\$0
PDA	0	1	1	0	7	\$6,933	\$0
Shredder	0	0	0	0	33	\$81,324	\$0
TV	0	0	0	0	44	\$116,378	\$0
Video Conference	0	0	0	0	167	\$1,550,733	\$8,166
Visible Video Telescope	2	0	0	0	0	\$34,598	\$0
Secure USB Drives	4	20	17	0	51	\$14,030	\$0
Vasco /RAS Tokens	126	1,178	608	9	0	\$156,004	\$55,314

Notes:

- Ongoing costs include annual leasing costs, software/hardware licensing costs and call charges. Costs are for the period 1 July 2013 to 17 September 2013 where available. If cost could not be identified mid-month the end of September 2013 costs have been used.
- Ongoing costs for iPad and Laptop/Notebook/Tough book/Tablet PCs includes data costs from Optus and Telstra for wireless broadband modems and other data usage costs.

For the period 18 September 2013 to 31 October 2013 the Department of Education provided the following electrical equipment to staff:

Type of electrical equipment	SES ¹	EL 1-2 ¹	APS 4-6 ¹	APS 1-3 ¹	Shared ¹	Purchase Value ¹	Ongoing Costs – 18 September to 31 October 2013 ¹
Barcode Scanner	0	4	9	1	6	\$21,500	\$0
Binding Machine/Folder Inserter/Folding Machine	0	0	0	0	5	\$28,309	\$0
Cable Meter	0	1	0	0	0	\$24,650	\$0
Cable Tester	0	1	0	0	0	\$31,374	\$0
Data Projector	0	3	7	1	99	\$199,370	\$0
Desktop Computers	0	0	0	0	3,828	\$5,077,011	\$393,680
Digital & Desktop Cameras	0	15	18	1	47	\$92,810	\$0
Digital Voice Recorder	0	12	16	0	9	\$40,848	\$0
DVD/Video Camera/Recorder	0	3	2	0	15	\$116,734	\$0
EPIRB (Emergency Position-Indicating Radio Beacon)	0	0	1	0	6	\$8,750	\$0
External Hard drive/DVD Drive	0	2	0	0	12	\$6,397	\$0
iPad	3	24	8	0	47	\$62,552	\$38,892
Laptop/Notebook/Tough book/ Tablet PCs	10	109	103	5	381	\$1,131,549	
MFD/Printers/Photocopies/Fax/Scanner	0	0	0	0	341	\$2,397,840	\$113,293
Mobile Phone - Blackberry	27	157	36	0	341	\$352,225	\$61,872
Mobile Phone - iPhone	13	15	6	0	205	\$204,502	
Mobile Phone - Other	2	7	1	0	23	\$22,251	
Mobile Phone - Satellite	0	1	2	2	23	\$35,050	\$121
Monitor	0	0	0	0	7	\$36,418	\$0
PA System	0	0	1	0	3	\$3,013	\$0
PDA	0	1	0	0	8	\$6,933	\$0
Shredder	0	0	0	0	35	\$82,120	\$0
TV	0	0	0	0	58	\$114,978	\$0
Video Conference	0	0	0	0	182	\$1,582,528	\$2,952
Visible Video Telescope	1	0	0	0	0	\$17,299	\$0
Secure USB Drives	2	6	16	1	79	\$13,276	\$0
Vasco /RAS Tokens	76	651	367	6	131	\$239,800	\$21,997

Notes:

1. Corporate and the State Office Network provide services to the Department of Education and the Department of Employment. The value associated with these functions has been attributed to both departments.
2. Ongoing costs include annual leasing costs, software/hardware licensing costs and call charges. Costs for the period 18 September to 31 October 2013 represent averages of past costs as not all details costs were available.

4. Video Conference equipment comprises components which when grouped together form a video conferencing system.