

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES 2013**  
**Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio**

**Department/Agency:** Australian Public Service Commission

**Outcome/Program:** Cross Portfolio

**Topic:** Provision of equipment

**Senator:** Ludwig

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**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 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:**

- a) The APS Commission does not provide mobile phones to Ministers and/or Parliamentary Secretaries and/or their offices.
- b) N/A
- c) Yes:

Classification	Equipment	Purchase cost	Ongoing Cost
Commissioner Deputy Commissioner, Merit Protection Commissioner	iPad	\$750 - \$1,000	Cost of data (Variable, not capped)
SES Officers	High-end Smart Phone	\$500 - \$1,000	Cost of calls and data (Variable, not capped)
EL2	Mid-range Smart Phone	\$250 - \$500	Cost of calls and data (Variable, not capped)
All (on request)	Encrypted thumb drive	~ \$50	Nil
Any staff member on a needs basis (delegate approval required)	Remote access token	\$200	\$200 p.a.
Any staff member on a needs basis (delegate approval required)	'Phone-only' mobile	\$50	Cost of calls and data (Variable, not capped)

- d) The APS Commission does not provide electronic equipment to Ministers and/or Parliamentary Secretaries and/or their offices.