

**Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications**

**Answers to Senate Estimates Questions on Notice**

**Additional Estimates Hearings February 2014**

**Communications Portfolio**

**Department of Communications**

**Question No: 363**

**Program No. Corporate**

**Hansard Ref: In Writing**

**Topic: Provision of equipment**

**Senator Ludwig asked:**

Other than desktop computers, list all electronic equipment provided to Department/Agency staff.

- a. List the items
- b. List the purchase cost
- c. List the ongoing cost
- d. List the staff and staff classification that receive the equipment.

**Answer:**

Communication expenditure reported from the Department's financial management systems includes expenditure on items such as: smartphones, portable devices, wireless cards, broadband, fax machines, land lines, mobile phones etc. To attempt to provide disaggregated data would involve an unreasonable diversion of Departmental resources. The Department can, however, provide certain data on personal issue equipment.

SES officers, and other approved staff, are generally provided with a mobile phone or smartphone, and a device for remote access to the Department's network.

The Department has the following stock of personal issue devices:

- 232 mobile handsets (either phone or Smartphone), with costs between \$163 - \$1,026
- 204 laptops, with costs between \$1,362 - \$2,246
- 92 tablets, with costs between \$397 - \$845