

Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications

Answers to Senate Estimates Questions on Notice

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Communications Portfolio

Special Broadcasting Service

Question No: 283

Program No. Special Broadcasting Service (SBS)

Hansard Ref: In Writing

Topic: Provision of equipment

Senator Ludwig asked:

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 a list of what is provided across the Department or Agency, the purchase cost, the ongoing cost and a breakdown of what staff and staff classification receives each item.

Answer:

SBS provides the following equipment to staff:

- All staff have a PC (or laptop where applicable) at an average lease cost of \$600 per annum.
- Some staff have a smartphone at an average purchase cost of \$800 issued in accordance with operational requirements. The ongoing cost is approximately \$70 per month.
- Some staff are issued with standard Nokia mobile phones with a purchase cost of \$200 and an ongoing cost of \$70 per month.
- A few management and content staff have been issued with iPads. These purchases require Managing Director approval and are generally replaced every two years. The purchase price is currently \$799 with an ongoing monthly cost of \$49.
- There are 50 internet dongles used by staff. These cost approximately \$200 and the average ongoing cost is a data plan of \$49 per month.

Mobile data devices (smartphones and tablets) are issued to employees to gain mobile access to the company email system, the internet and general IT resources. In providing staff with equipment to fulfil their duties away from SBS offices, the nature and needs of individual roles are taken into account and approved by senior management. SBS is not an Australian Public Service agency and does not use the Australian Public Service employment classifications.