

**Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications**  
**Answers to Senate Estimates Questions on Notice**  
**Additional Estimates Hearings February 2014**  
**Communications Portfolio**  
**Special Broadcasting Service**

**Question No: 285**

**Program No. Special Broadcasting Service (SBS)**

**Hansard Ref: In Writing**

**Topic: Computers**

**Senator Ludwig asked:**

1. List the current inventory of computers owned, leased, stored, or able to be accessed by the Department, listing the equipment cost and location
2. Please detail the operating systems used by the Departments computers, the contractual arrangements for operating software and the on-going costs

**Answer:**

1. SBS lease computers over a three year period. The current inventory includes 1,133 PC's, 423 laptops and 1,775 monitors. Average unit prices: PC's - \$1,462; Laptops - \$1,942; Monitors - \$288. Locations: Sydney – 2,857; Melbourne – 433; Remote offices (Canberra, Adelaide, Brisbane, Perth) – 41.
2. Operating Systems: Microsoft Windows (XP, 7, 8); Apple OS (X). Microsoft Windows operating systems are part of an Enterprise Agreement with Microsoft. The cost of the agreement to SBS over the current 3 year period is \$1,470,000. The Apple operating system is incorporated into the cost of the hardware.