

**Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications**  
**Legislation Committee**  
Answers to questions on notice  
**Environment portfolio**

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**Senator Ludwig asked:**

- 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 following mobile device types have been provided to the Minister's and Parliamentary Secretary's offices:

- iPhone 4S 32GB; and
- iPhone 5 32GB.

**Attachment A** includes the mobile/electronic devices and associated costs provided to the Minister's Office and the Parliamentary Secretary's Office by the department.

b) The ongoing cost from 7 September 2013 to 31 October 2013 is \$11,502.15 GST inclusive (monthly charges excluding equipment purchase).

c) Items from the following list of electronic equipment can be made available to staff either in accordance with their employment conditions or where there is a compelling operational requirement:

- iPad;
- Laptop;

- Aircard (wireless card);
- RSA token;
- iPhone;
- BlackBerry (being phased out).

#### Department of the Environment

Mobile devices are provided to Executive Level staff and above in accordance with departmental policies.

The provision of any electronic devices at other APS classifications requires financial delegate approval and/or approved business cases to validate the operational requirement.

#### Bureau of Meteorology

Bureau of Meteorology staff are issued with mobile devices as determined by their program managers and supervisors. Staff provided with electronic equipment include managers, operational meteorologists and hydrologists, field technicians, Information and Communications Technology support staff and communications staff across all classifications.

#### Clean Energy Regulator

Mobile devices are provided to Executive Level staff and above in accordance with Clean Energy Regulator policies. The provision of any electronic devices at other APS classifications requires financial delegate approval and/or approved business cases to validate the operational requirement.

#### Climate Change Authority

Mobile devices are provided to Executive Level 2 staff and above in accordance with agency policies.

#### Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority

Mobile devices are provided to Executive Level staff and above in accordance with departmental and agency policies.

The provision of any electronic devices at other APS classifications requires financial delegate approval and/or approved business cases to validate the operational requirement.

#### Murray Darling Basin Authority

Electronic equipment is provided to APS staff as required.

#### National Water Commission

Commission staff are provided with electronic equipment where a business need has been established and approved by their manager.

#### Sydney Harbour Federation Trust

BlackBerrys or iPhones are provided to Executive Level staff and above in accordance with departmental and agency policies.

**Attachment A** summarises the mobile/electronic devices and associated costs provided to staff by the department and portfolio agencies.

d) The following electronic equipment is available to the Minister's and Parliamentary Secretary's offices:

- iPad;
- Laptop;
- iPhone;
- RSA token;
- BlackBerry; and
- Other mobile devices.

Minister Hunt's Office has been provided with the following electronic equipment:

- 15 iPads;
- 9 Laptops; and
- 13 iPhones.

The previous Minister Butler's Office was provided with the following electronic equipment:

- 9 iPads;
- 11 Laptops; and
- 11 iPhones.

The previous Minister Burke's Office was provided with the following electronic equipment:

- 9 iPads;
- 8 Laptops;
- 8 iPhones; and
- 5 BlackBerrys.

Parliamentary Secretary Birmingham's Office has been provided with the following electronic equipment:

- 4 iPads; and
- 2 iPhones;

The previous Parliamentary Secretary Rishworth's Office was provided with the following electronic equipment:

- 5 iPads;
- 3 laptops; and

- 5 iPhones.

**Attachment A** includes the mobile/electronic devices and associated costs provided to the Minister's Office and the Parliamentary Secretary's Office by the department.

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## Breakdown of electronic equipment and mobile devices

Electronic Equipment	Device	Purchase Cost (GST inclusive)	Ongoing Costs (per month) (GST inclusive)
<b>iPad</b>	iPad	\$813	\$39-\$59
	iPad 2 (16GB)	\$692 (WiFi) \$567 (3G)	\$0 (WiFi) \$39 (1GB) \$50 (4GB) \$69 (8GB) \$109 (15GB)
	iPad 3 (32GB)	\$717	\$39 (1GB) \$50 (4GB) \$69 (8GB) \$109 (15GB)
	iPad 3 (64GB)	\$717 (WiFi) \$757 (WiFi) \$898 (3G)	\$0 (WiFi) \$39 (1GB) \$50 (4GB) \$69 (8GB) \$109 (15GB)
	iPad 4 (32GB)	\$\$717 - \$935 (3G)	\$29 (3GB) \$39 (1GB) \$50 (4GB) \$69 (8GB)
	iPad Air (16GB)	\$808.70	\$39 (1GB) \$50 (4GB) \$69 (8GB) \$109 (15GB)
	iPad Air (32GB)	\$913.05	\$39 (1GB) \$50 (4GB) \$69 (8GB) \$109 (15GB)
	iPad Mini (32GB)	\$609 \$634.60 (3G)	\$39 (1GB) \$50 (4GB) \$69 (8GB) \$109 (15GB)

<b>Laptop</b>	Standard	Nil	\$179.59 - \$184.08
		\$670 - \$1236	Nil
	Ultraportable	Nil	\$192.17 - \$196.97
		\$1,350 - \$1,613.74	Nil
	Macbook Air 13"	\$1,583.70	Nil
	Macbook Air 11"	\$1,828.97	Nil
	Macbook Pro 15"	\$3,129.05 - \$3,156.34	Nil
<b>Wireless card</b>	Aircard (4G)	\$43 - \$285	\$39 (1GB) \$49 (4GB) \$69 (8GB) \$109 (15GB)
	Datacard	\$29	\$29
<b>Security token</b>	RSA token (hard)	\$56 - \$125	Nil
	RSA token (soft)	\$21	Nil
<b>Blackberry</b>	Monza 9870	\$920	\$29
	Torch 9810	\$698	\$20 (data) \$5 (voice)
	Touch 9000	\$715	\$45 (data)
	Touch 9900	\$650 - \$718	\$5 - 55 (data) \$5 (voice)
<b>Mobile Devices</b>	HTC One XL (4G)	\$479	
	HTC One	\$689 - \$745	
	HTC One MINI	\$489	
	iPhone	\$999	\$45 + call costs
	iPhone 4s (16GB)	\$679	\$10 - \$15 (1GB) \$29 - \$30 (3GB)
	iPhone 5 (16GB)	\$868.50	\$10 - \$15 (1GB) \$29 - \$30 (3GB)
	iPhone 5 (32GB)	\$792 - \$912	\$10 - \$15 (1GB) \$29 - \$30 (3GB)

	iPhone 5c (32GB)	\$832 - \$898	\$10 - \$15 (1GB) \$29 - \$30 (3GB)
	iPhone 5 (64GB)	\$1,008 - \$1,086	\$10 - \$15 (1GB) \$29 - \$30 (3GB)
	iPhone 5s (32GB)	\$999	\$10 - \$15 (1GB) \$29 - \$30 (3GB)
	Motorola Razr HD	\$695	\$10 - \$15 (1GB) \$29 - \$30 (3GB)
	Nokia	\$200	\$5
	Nokia e5	\$238	Nil
	Nokia C500	\$186	\$5
	Nokia C2-01	\$90	\$5 (data) \$5 (voice)
	Nokia X7	\$338	\$5 (data) \$5 (voice)
	Nokia Lumia 520	\$229 - \$669	\$10 - \$15 (1GB) \$29 - \$30 (3GB)
	Samsung Galaxy S II	\$760	\$29
	Samsung Galaxy S3 (4GB)	\$609	\$10 - \$15 (1GB) \$29 - \$30 (3GB)
	Samsung Galaxy S4 (4GB)	\$649 - \$719	\$10 - \$15 (1GB) \$29 - \$30 (3GB)
	Samsung Galaxy S4 4G MINI	\$539	\$10 - \$15 (1GB) \$29 - \$30 (3GB)
	Telstra Tough 3	\$219	\$15 (1GB) + \$5 voice \$30 (3GB) + \$5 voice \$60 (8GB) + \$5 voice