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AGENCY/DEPARTMENT: DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY

TOPIC: Provision of Electronic Equipment

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QUESTION No: AI-44

1. 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?
 - (a) Itemise equipment and cost broken down by staff or minister classification
2. 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 of agency, the purchase cost, the ongoing cost and a breakdown of what staff and staff classification receives each item.

ANSWER

1. The department provides Apple iPhone 5 or BlackBerry Z30 to Ministers/Parliamentary Secretary and their staff. The purchase costs of these phones is undertaken through whole of government arrangements and is approximately \$727 for Apple iPhone 5, or \$610 for BlackBerry Z30 (GST exclusive) per handset.

(a) As at 27 March 2014, there are 14 mobile phones issued to the Minister's office (approximate equipment cost of \$10,061) and four mobile phones issued to the Parliamentary Secretary's office (approximate equipment cost of \$2,908).

2. Electronic equipment provided to departmental staff is detailed in the following table.

Equipment Provided	Purchase cost (GST exclusive)	Ongoing cost	Staff details
Tablets			
iPad	\$648	\$29 per month (2 year plan)	A small number of iPads have been issued to Senior Executives and Ministers Office.
iPad Mini	\$496		
Laptops			
Dell Latitude Laptops	\$940	Nil	Staff with an approved business requirement to work remotely may be issued with a laptop.

Wireless			
Telstra Mobile Wifi 4G	\$152	\$29 per month	Data cards are available to SES officers and other staff with an approved business requirement.
USB Devices			
Thumb Drive (Kingston Data Traveller Vault Privacy USB)	\$12	Nil	Available to all staff with an approved business requirement on request.
Smartphones			
iPhones	\$726	Voice = \$5 per month Data = \$30 per month	Devices are provided to SES and other staff with an approved business requirement.
Mobile Phones			
Various models	\$200-\$500 (approx.) Handset costs varies according to model	\$5 per month	Departmental mobile phones are provided to staff on a business needs basis.