

**Senate Standing Committee on Education Employment and Workplace
Relations**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Budget Estimates 2013-2014**

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Question

Provision of Equipment to Ministers and Parliamentary Secretaries

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? For departments/agencies that provide electronic equipment to Ministers and/or Parliamentary Secretaries and/or their offices, what are the ongoing costs for this financial year to date? 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. 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 whom it is provided.

Answer

The Department provided Ministers and/or Parliamentary Secretaries and/or their offices with the following range of electronic equipment:

Type of Equipment	The Hon Julie Collins MP		The Hon Kate Ellis MP		The Hon Peter Garrett AM, MP		The Hon Bill Shorten MP		Senator the Hon Jacinta Collins		Totals		
	No. of Items	Cost (b)	No. of Items	Cost (b)	No. of Items	Cost (b)	No. of Items	Cost (b)	No. of Items	Cost (b)	No. of Items	Cost (b)	Ongoing Costs – 1 July 2013 to 31 May 2013
Blackberry and iPhones (e)	2	\$1,695	9	\$7,277	12	\$8,614	14	\$10,405	10	\$6,905	47	\$34,896	\$56,295
Cabinet Terminal & Printer			2	\$1,000	2	\$2,000	2	\$2,000	2	\$2,000	8	\$7,000	\$36,667
Desktop Computer (e)	1	\$842	17	\$22,098	30	\$43,129	27	\$24,259	11	\$15,261	86	\$105,589	\$64,172
Digital Camera			1	\$809	1	\$700			3	\$1,464	5	\$2,973	\$0
Digital Voice Recorder					2	\$750			1	\$700	3	\$1,450	\$0
DVD player			1	\$530					2	\$1,060	3	\$1,590	\$0
Data cards (a) (e)	2	\$600	13	\$5,339	13	\$5,734	18	\$8,699	11	\$5,328	57	\$25,700	\$35,976
Laptop (e)	2	\$3,546	8	\$14,721	12	\$23,179	13	\$18,936	7	\$15,103	42	\$75,485	\$16,018
MFD/Fax Machines/Scanners (c)			6	\$22,592	6	\$20,426	3	\$20,350	1	\$800	16	\$64,168	\$25,204
Printer (e)			10	\$6,748	12	\$14,004	7	\$5,200	4	\$4,200	33	\$30,152	
Remote Access Token (e)	2	\$400	10	\$2,000	13	\$2,600	15	\$3,000	7	\$1,400	47	\$9,400	\$3,100
Shredder			2	\$2,200	1	\$3,501			1	\$3,501	4	\$9,202	\$0
Televisions			6	\$7,841	9	\$7,403	5	\$7,283	1	\$498	21	\$23,025	\$0
Video Conferencing (d)			2	\$14,426	2	\$14,869	2	\$14,765	2	\$15,518	8	\$59,578	\$3,413

Notes:

- (a) Data cards also include iPads and Tablets.
- (b) Cost is the acquisition value or the revalued amount as per revaluation of assets as at 30 June 2012.
- (c) Multifunction device and printer ongoing costs are combined as details of cost per type of equipment are not recorded by the Department.
- (d) Video conferencing systems can comprise of between 1 and 3 equipment component items
- (e) The number of mobile phones, desktop computers, data cards, laptops, printers and remote access tokens on issue varies during the year. The fluctuation is due to changes in staffing to cover peak periods.

The following equipment was provided to departmental staff:

Type of electrical equipment	SES	EL 1-2	APS 4-6	APS 1-3	Shared	Purchase Value	Ongoing Costs – 1 July to 31 May 2013
Barcode Scanner	0	4	11	1	12	\$28,521	\$0
Binding Machine/Folder Inserter/Folding Machine	0	0	0	0	6	\$29,809	\$0
Cable Meter	0	1	0	0	0	\$24,650	\$0
Cable Tester	0	2	0	0	0	\$32,811	\$0
Data Projector	0	3	15	2	113	\$247,193	\$0
Desktop Computers	0	0	0	0	6,193	\$8,343,225	\$4,707,681
Digital & Desktop Cameras	0	17	34	3	69	\$137,708	\$0
Digital Voice Recorder	0	12	18	0	12	\$44,063	\$0
DVD/Video Camera/Recorder	0	3	2	0	18	\$122,958	\$0
EPIRB (Emergency Position-Indicating Radio Beacon)	0	0	4	1	11	\$20,000	\$0
External Hard drive/DVD Drive	0	3	0	0	17	\$8,765	\$0
GPS	0	1	0	0	0	\$100	\$0
iPad	6	28	8	0	26	\$56,180	\$274,866
iPods	0	0	0	0	1	\$308	
Laptop/Notebook/Tough book/ Tablet PCs	23	160	138	11	487	\$1,531,820	
MFD/Printers/Photocopies/Fax/Scanner	1	0	0	0	389	\$2,787,751	\$614,355
Mobile Phone - Blackberry	90	369	69	1	382	\$600,521	\$510,953
Mobile Phone - iPhone	26	15	8	0	74	\$102,656	
Mobile Phone - Other	1	4	3	0	10	\$12,427	
Mobile Phone - Satellite	0	2	4	1	31	\$49,020	\$14,241

Type of electrical equipment	SES	EL 1-2	APS 4-6	APS 1-3	Shared	Purchase Value	Ongoing Costs – 1 July to 31 May 2013
Monitor	0	0	0	0	11	\$60,810	\$0
PA System	0	0	1	0	2	\$3,013	\$0
PDA	0	3	1	0	11	\$12,313	\$0
Shredder	0	0	0	0	46	\$78,163	\$0
TV	0	0	0	0	93	\$155,625	\$0
Video Conference	0	0	0	0	194	\$1,673,508	\$41,774
Visible Video Telescope	1	0	0	0	0	\$34,398	\$0
Secure USB Drives	4	20	17	0	51	\$14,030	\$0
Vasco /RAS Tokens	126	1,178	608	9	0	\$156,004	\$240,834

Notes:

1. Ongoing costs include annual leasing costs, software/hardware licensing costs and call charges. Costs are for period 1 July 2012 to 31 May 2013.
2. Ongoing costs for iPad and Laptop/Notebook/Tough book/Tablet PCs includes data costs from Optus and Telstra up to 31 May 2013 for wireless broadband modems and other data usage costs.