

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 21-22 MAY 2012

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(BE12/0161) Program: Internal Product

Senator Humphries asked:

Portfolio Wide : Provision of Equipment. - Is electronic equipment (such as ipad, laptop, wireless card, vasco token, blackberry, mobile phone (list type if relevant), thumb drive (not an inclusive list)) 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.

Answer

Electronic equipment is provided by the Department of Immigration and Citizenship ('Department') to its staff, for the purpose of enabling them to perform their day to day tasks in the course of discharging the Department's portfolio responsibilities.

General equipment (provided to all staff)

| Equipment | Cost per unit (one off payment) | Classification of staff receiving equipment | Reason why |
|-------------------|--|--|---------------------------------|
| Dell Desktop PC | \$910 | All Department staff | Standard PC issued to all staff |
| Telephone Handset | \$120 - \$400.08 | All Department staff | Standard handset issued |

Shared use equipment is also provided to staff, and is positioned in common working areas where the equipment can be accessed by many personnel. This equipment includes black and white and colour printers / Multi Functional Devices (MFDs), video conferencing units, and other similar equipment.

Other equipment provided on 'as required' basis to executive staff

A range of additional equipment is available to executive staff (Secretary, SES and Executive Level 2), on an 'as required' basis. All such requests for additional equipment are required to be accompanied by an appropriate business case and be assessed as representing value for money to the Department.

A representative sample of such equipment is set out below.

| Equipment | Cost per unit (one off payment except where otherwise noted) | Classification of staff receiving equipment | Reason why |
|---------------------------|--|--|--|
| Dell Laptop | \$1316 - \$1392 (depending on model, and excluding support charges) | As requested by nominated Departmental staff (generally Executive Level 1 or higher) | For staff travelling and requiring access from remote sites, and also for staff who work offsite (eg from home) Departmental policy permits allocation of <u>either</u> a PC or a laptop, not both |
| Blackberry Handset | \$88 a month (\$2112.00 total over 24 months) | Executive Level 2 or higher | To allow staff to be contactable 24x7 |
| iPad | \$633.78 (optional wireless keyboard is an additional \$68.94) | Limited number currently allocated to Ministerial, executive and system support staff (see comments under next column) | Mobile communication / IT technologies are currently being trialled within the Department to assess applicability of new technologies to the Department's operations |
| Wireless Cards/ Tokens | Wireless USB modem \$200.00 Wireless USB data plan \$40.00 p/m GRAS tokens \$24.24 p/m | Departmental staff | For staff travelling and requiring access from remote sites, and also for staff who work offsite (eg from home) |
| Thumb Drives | 2GB \$104.80 4GB \$147.27 | Departmental staff | For secure portability of files to/from non networked assets |