

**Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Committee**

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**Question:** 197

**Division/Agency:** Information Services Division

**Topic:** Provision of equipment

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**Senator HEFFERNAN asked:**

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.
2. 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?
3. 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.
4. 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:**

1. As at 30 April 2013, 11 blackberry devices, five iPhones, and one Satellite phone have been provided to the Minister and/or Parliamentary Secretary and/or their offices. Table 2 provides a breakdown of costs.
2. The ongoing costs for the Minister and Parliamentary Secretary and their offices for the financial year to date as at 30 April 2013 was \$35 523.53.

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3. The following table summarises the electronic equipment provided to department/agency staff. Table 2 provides a breakdown of the purchase cost and ongoing cost of electronic equipment.

**Table 1 – Summary of equipment issues by classification**

<b>DAFF STAFF ONLY (DOES NOT INCLUDE MINISTERS OFFICE) as at 30 April 2013</b>								
<b>Classification</b>	<b>Product</b>	<b>Blackberry</b>	<b>iPhone</b>	<b>Mobile</b>	<b>IPAD</b>	<b>Data Card</b>	<b>RSA Tokens</b>	<b>Laptops</b>
Secretary		-	1	-	1	-	-	1
Senior Executive Service Band 3		-	3	2	3	1	4	2
Senior Executive Service Band 2		6	13	5	20	6	15	29
Senior Executive Service Band 1		43	26	17	53	31	38	103
APS Executive Level 2		190	38	57	77	72	127	260
APS Executive Level 1		107	25	94	32	62	82	194
APS Level 6		49	13	141	8	55	108	165
APS Level 5		29	7	194	14	37	89	145
APS Level 4		34	3	256	4	56	139	107
APS Level 3		16	-	96	-	21	49	41
APS level 2		-	-	6	-	1	12	3
APS Level 1		-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Contractor		-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Unallocated*		88	23	793	40	368	312	428
	<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>562</b>	<b>152</b>	<b>1661</b>	<b>252</b>	<b>710</b>	<b>976</b>	<b>1478</b>

\*Unallocated refers to ICT equipment not issued to individual staff (e.g. pool equipment), equipment waiting to be deployed or decommissioned.

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**Table 2 – Summary of electronic equipment costs**

Electronic equipment	Purchase Cost \$	Ongoing cost (per month) \$
Blackberry	\$442.00 - \$678.00	Voice Plan \$5.00 - \$5.50 [+ call costs] Blackberry Plan \$29.95 – \$39.00 [+ usage costs] Software Licence \$100.00 per device
iPhone	\$679.00 - \$999.00	Voice Plan \$5.00 - \$5.50 [+ call costs] Data Plan \$24.00 - \$29.00 [+ usage costs] Software Licence \$50.00 per device
Mobile phone	\$109.00 - \$329.00	\$5.00 - \$5.50 [+ call costs]
Mobile phone – Satellite	\$1817.27	\$30.00 [+ call costs]
Data card	\$217.00	\$39.00 – \$99.00 [1GB - 12 GB]
RSA Token	\$9.91	N/A
VPN Token	\$60.00 – \$93.50	N/A
Laptop		\$190.21
iPad	\$816.00 – \$895.00	Data Plan - 4GB \$49.00 [+ usage costs] Software Licence \$50.00 per device
Thumb drive (2 GB – 16 GB)	\$79.00 - \$264.00	N/A

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4. During the period 1 January 2013 – 30 April 2013, the following electronic equipment has been provided to the following staff in the office of the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry.

<b>Office</b>	<b>Staff</b>	<b>Type of equipment</b>	<b>Upfront cost</b>
Office of the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry	Media team	Laptop	\$0
	Adviser	Laptop Blackberry	\$0 \$442.00-\$678.00