

Senate Standing Committee on Economics**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

Resources, Energy and Tourism Portfolio

Budget Estimates

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Question: **BR62**
Topic: **Provision of Equipment**
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Senator Bushby 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? What were the running costs for 2009-10 and 2010-11?
3. 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.
4. Please update if there have been any changes since Additional Estimates 2011-12 (Feb 2012): 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. The Department provides Blackberry and Mobile handsets to the Minister and his staff. These items have been sourced from the Telecommunications Commodities, Carriage and Associated Services Panel.

The selected standard models and costs for the Department are listed below:

Device	Handset Cost	Plan Cost
Blackberry Bold 9780	\$572	\$45 per month + Calls
Nokia C2-01	\$110	\$5 per month + Calls

2. The ongoing costs for the financial year 2011-12 are below:

Desktop File and Print Services: \$78,000 (approx \$6,000 per user)

Carrier Charges: \$56,240.00

Hardware Purchases: \$28,859.43

Total: \$163,099.43

The running costs for the financial year 2010-11 are below:

Desktop File and Print Services: \$78,000 (approx \$6,000 per user)

Carrier Charges: \$51,060.00

Hardware Purchases: \$43,880.75

Total: \$172,940.75

The running costs for the financial year 2009-10 are below:

Desktop File and Print Services: \$78,000 (approx \$6000 per user)

Carrier Charges: \$57,740.00

Hardware Purchases: \$84,995.46

Total: \$220,735.46

3. *Department*

Electronic equipment that is considered outside a standard workstation setup (Desktop PC, Phone, Monitor and Peripherals) is provided on a requirement basis to Departmental staff. The Department has a one machine per person policy for all staff (except senior executive staff).

Outlined below is a breakdown of ICT equipment available to particular classifications of staff, and also the costs associated with this equipment.

Classification	Services and Devices
SES	Land Line Services where appropriate, iPad (2 only), Blackberry, Mobile Phone, USB Modem, Laptop, PC
EL2	Blackberry, Mobile Phone, USB Modem, Laptop
EL1	PC, Mobile Phone if required
APS 1-6	PC, Mobile Phone if required

Device/Service	Cost
Land Line Services	\$41.95 per month or \$69.95 per month
IPAD	\$544 - iPad & \$69/8GB per month
Blackberry	\$572 - Blackberry Bold 9780 & \$39.96 per month (12 month WoG)
Mobile	\$110 - Nokia C2-01 & \$5 Voice Plan per month
USB Modem	\$249 - Telstra 4G & \$39/1GB or \$49/4GB
Laptop	\$1164 - Dell Latitude E6320
PC	\$943 – Optiplex 990 (includes monitor, mouse & keyboard)

Tourism Australia

Electronic equipment is available to all Tourism Australia employee classifications based on job requirements. The average ongoing costs for running devices are approximately \$50 per month, with maximum costs of \$63 per month under the Telstra enterprise agreement.

Electronic equipment that is issue dto appropriate staff:

Device/Service	Number Issued to Staff
iPads	34
Blackberries	48
Mobile Phones	43
Wireless Bluetooth	4
Estimated Cost	\$125,000

Geoscience Australia

Please refer to **Attachment A** for Geoscience Australia's breakdown of electronic equipment.

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Name	Devices
Chief of Staff	PC, Laptop, Blackberry, USB Modem
Minister's Office Canberra	iPad
The Minister	PC, Laptop, Blackberry, Mobile, USB Modem
Assistant Adviser	PC, Laptop, Blackberry, USB Modem
Media Adviser	PC, Laptop, Blackberry, USB Modem, iPad
Adviser	PC, Laptop, Blackberry, USB Modem
Minister's Office Melbourne	iPad
Assistant Adviser	PC, Blackberry
Executive Assistant	PC, Blackberry
Administrative Assistant	PC, Blackberry
Senior Adviser - Energy	PC, Laptop, Blackberry, USB Modem
Deputy Chief of Staff Principal Adviser - Resources	PC, Laptop, Blackberry, USB Modem
Tourism Adviser	PC, Laptop, Blackberry, USB Modem

Device and associated service costs are:

Device	Handset Cost	Plan Cost
Blackberry Bold 9780	\$572	\$45 per month + Calls
Nokia 6120C	\$185.00	\$5 per month + Calls
iPad	\$544.00	\$69/8GB
Telstra 4G Modem	\$249.00	\$39/1GB, \$49/4GB
Desktop	\$943	N/A
Laptop	\$1164	N/A