

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

Additional Estimates 2011-2012, 15 February 2012

Question: E12-109

OUTCOME 0: Whole of Portfolio

Topic: PROVISION OF EQUIPMENT

Written Question on Notice

Senator McKenzie asked:

- a) Does the Department/Agency provide their Ministers and/or Parliamentary Secretaries and/or their offices with any electronic equipment?
- b) If yes, provide details of what is provided, the cost and to who it is provided.
- c) What equipment is provided to Department/Agency staff?
- d) Please list what the equipment is, the cost, the classification of the staff receiving the equipment and the reason why.

Answer:

- a) Yes.
- b) Each of our Ministers and Parliamentary Secretary have the option to use a range of electronic equipment including a blackberry, mobile broadband card, printer, laptop, and desktop computer. General office equipment such as multi-function devices, printers including secure Cabnet printers, televisions, DVD players, transcription kits, label makers and fax machines are allocated to each office for use by the Ministerial Office.
- c) Departmental staff working in the Ministerial Offices at Australian Parliament House are issued a Blackberry, mobile broadband card, desktop computer and laptop if required.
- d) All equipment is provided in order for the Ministers / Parliamentary Secretary, their staff, Departmental Liaison Officers and and Graduates working in Ministers' and Parliamentary Secretary's offices to undertake portfolio related business. Previously purchased items returned to the Department of Health and Ageing are redeployed wherever possible within Ministerial / Parliamentary Secretary offices.

The following Table includes all items purchased during the reporting period:

1 July 2011 to 14 Dec 2011		14 Dec 2011 to 15 Feb 2012	
Minister / Parliamentary Secretary	Total cost of office machinery and equipment incl. GST	Minister / Parliamentary Secretary	Total cost of office machinery and equipment incl. GST
Minister for Health & Ageing ¹	\$5,017.09	Minister for Health ²	\$14,761.75
1 July 2011 to 15 Feb 2012			
Minister / Parliamentary Secretary		Total cost of office machinery and equipment incl. GST	
Minister for Mental Health & Ageing		\$2,597.06	
Minister for Indigenous Health ³		\$255.00	
Parliamentary Secretary for Health & Ageing ⁴		\$790.90	

1 **Minister for Health & Ageing:** Prior to Ministerial changes on 14 December 2011.

2 **Minister for Health:** Following Ministerial changes on 14 December 2011.

3 **Minister for Indigenous Health:** The Minister's lead agency is the Department of Veterans' Affairs, with a three-way cost sharing split between the Department of Veterans' Affairs, the Department of Defence and the Department of Health and Ageing.

4 **Parliamentary Secretary for Health and Ageing:** The Parliamentary Secretary's costs are split between the Department of Infrastructure and Transport and the Department of Health and Ageing through cost sharing arrangements.