

Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES – 5-6 JUNE 2014 ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Department of Human Services

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Question:

Other than desktop computers, list all electronic equipment provided to department/agency staff since Additional Estimates in February 2014.

- a) List the items.
- b) List the purchase cost.
- c) List the ongoing cost.
- d) List the staff and staff classification that receive the equipment.

Answer:

- a) – d) Since Additional Estimates in February 2014 the department has provided staff with the following range of electronic equipment:

Equipment item	Number Issued to staff	Reason	Purchase Cost (ex GST)	Ongoing Cost (Inc. GST)
Laptop	120 approx.	Staff who are eligible for access to a laptop computer are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SES Band 2 & 3 (SES Band 1 with a business case supported by their General Manager); • Business line leaders and staff who are or who are likely to be called upon to work at a different site, for example, staff called to work on emergencies; • Drought and Rural buses are equipped with laptops and PCs; • EL2 and EL1 employees with business case supported by their National Manager/Zone Service Leader; and • Employees who are regularly required to work in multiple locations will be issued with a laptop. In this instance, regularly means more than once a week on average. 	\$1,225.00	N/A
Remote Access Token	290	Remote Access Tokens can be issued to staff ranging from APS3 up to General Manager. Contractors are also included. Numbers issued by classification: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • APS3 – 5 • APS4 – 15 • APS5 – 30 • APS6 – 31 • EL1 – 89 • EL2 – 74 • National Manager – 16 • General Manager – 2 • Contractor - 28 	\$25.00	N/A
3G/4G Modem	4	Staff who are eligible for access to a 3G/4G Modem are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SES Band 2 & 3 (SES Band 1 with a business case supported by their General Manager) • Business line leaders and staff who are or who are likely to be called upon to work at a different site, for example, staff called to work on emergencies. 	\$152.00	\$49.00 per month
Tablet device	55 approx.	Tablet devices are provided to staff in DHS Service Centres and are used for the provision of a concierge service. Staff are also issued tablet devices where a genuine business need exists and written approval has been obtained from the General Manager or Deputy Secretary.	\$946.48	\$49.00 per month
Mobile / Smartphone	253	Staff are issued mobiles where a genuine business need exists. Numbers issued: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • iPhone4 - 2 • iPhone5 - 88 • Mobile - 163 	Mobile -\$183.00 iPhone4-\$713.00 iPhone5-\$799.00	Mobile \$5 per month iPhone \$10 per month