

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

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Topic: Unallocated Equipment

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Question:

1. Please detail how much electrical equipment, phones and computers the department/agency has in storage or unallocated to staff.
2. Please detail the purchase, storage and ongoing costs associated with equipment, phones and computers in storage or unallocated.

Answer:

1. There are currently 1915 computers (Wyse thin-client devices) excluding monitors, either in storage or unallocated to staff. 1307 of these became unallocated when the Aged Care staff moved to the Department of Social Services (DSS); and the devices were not compatible with the DSS network.

There are approximately 870 24" monitors either in storage or unallocated to staff (1307 monitors were transferred to DSS).

There are approximately 700 desktop telephones either in storage or unallocated to staff. There are 8 desktop printers in storage.

To provide further detail on electronic equipment would involve diversion of resources which the department is not currently in a position to undertake

2. The average purchase cost of the computers is \$418.38 ex GST each.

There are no additional storage costs associated with these devices, as they are stored on-site in Central Office in Canberra.

There are no ongoing costs related to the physical unallocated devices.

The average purchase cost of the 24" monitors was approximately \$290.00 ex GST each.

There are no additional storage costs associated with monitors, as they are stored on-site in Central Office in Canberra.

There are no ongoing charges related to monitors.

The purchase price of the desktop telephones varied by model and the date of purchase. The majority were the 7945 model, which in 2012 were purchased for \$232.38 ex GST each.

There are no additional storage costs on the phones, as they are stored on-site in Central Office in Canberra.

The ongoing costs for the stored telephones is bundled with the allocated phones and the infrastructure to support the Voice-over-IP system; and not able to be separately reported.

The average purchase price for the desktop printers was \$737.10 ex GST each.

There are no additional storage costs associated with these devices, as they are stored on-site in Central Office in Canberra.

There are no ongoing charges related to the unallocated printers.