

Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES – 23-24 OCTOBER 2014 ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Department of Human Services

Topic: Provision of Equipment – Departmental

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Question:

Since Budget Estimates in June 2014:

- a) Has electronic equipment (such as ipad, laptop, wireless card, vasco token, blackberry, mobile phone (list type if relevant), thumb drive, video cameras) been provided by the department/agency to departmental staff? If yes provide a list of:
 - 1) What has been provided?
 - 2) The purchase cost.
 - 3) The ongoing cost.
 - 4) A list of any accessories provided for the equipment and the cost of those accessories. (e.g. iPad keyboards, laptop carry bags, additional chargers etc).
 - 5) A breakdown of what staff and staff classification receives each item.

Answer:

The following answer covers the period June 2014 – November 2014.

- a) Yes.
 - 1) - 5) Details are provided in the table below.

Equipment item	Number Issued to staff	Reason	Purchase Cost (ex GST)	Ongoing Cost (Inc. GST)
Laptop	74	<p>Staff who are eligible for access to a laptop computer are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SES Band 2 and 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 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. 	Average \$650	N/A
Remote Access Token	410	<p>Remote Access Tokens can be issued to staff ranging from APS3 up to General Manager. Contractors are also included.</p> <p>Number issued by classification:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • APS3 – 10 • APS4 – 30 • APS5 – 54 • APS6 – 66 • EL1 – 130 • EL2 – 84 • National Manager – 8 • General Manager – 2 • Contractor - 26 	\$57.09	N/A
3G/4G Modem	49	<p>Staff who are eligible for access to a 3G/4G Modem are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SES Band 2 and 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. 	\$208.00	\$55.00 p/m
Tablet device	170	<p>Tablet devices are provided to staff in DHS Service Centres and are used for the provision of a concierge service.</p> <p>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.</p>	Average \$568	\$49.00 p/m
Mobile / iPhone	752	<p>Staff are issued mobiles where a genuine business need exists.</p> <p>Number issued:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • iPhone - 194 • Other Mobile - 558 	Mobile -\$202.00 iPhone - \$827	Mobile \$5 p/m iPhone \$15 p/m