

**Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications**

**Answers to Senate Estimates Questions on Notice**

**Budget Estimates Hearings May 2014**

**Communications Portfolio**

**Australian Communications and Media Authority**

**Question No: 123**

**Program No. Australian Communications and Media Authority (ACMA)**

**Hansard Ref: In Writing**

**Topic: Provision of Equipment**

**Senator Ludwig asked:**

Is electronic equipment (such as ipad, laptop, wireless card, vasco token, blackberry, mobile phone (list type if relevant), thumb drive) provided to Department/Agency staff? If yes provide a list of what is provided across the Department/Agency, the purchase cost, the ongoing cost and a breakdown of what staff and staff classification receives each item.

**Answer:**

The ACMA provides the following equipment to staff:

- All staff have a PC at an average cost of \$1,300-\$1,500.
- All staff have a desk telephone at a cost of approximately \$250.
- Laptops are available to staff from a loan pool. The laptops have an average cost of \$1,350-\$2,200.
- Staff at EL2 level and above have a smartphone (currently an Apple iPhone) at an average cost of \$900. Some staff below EL2 level have a phone for operational requirements.
- Some operations staff have been issued iPads at an average cost of \$800-\$900 for related operational use.