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Question No: 241

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Topic: Computers

Senator Ludwig asked:

1. List the current inventory of computers owned, leased, stored, or able to be accessed by the Department/Agency, listing the equipment cost and location
2. Please detail the operating systems used by the Departments/Agencies computers, the contractual arrangements for operating software and the on-going costs.

Answer:

1. Equipment and cost -

Computer Type	Count	Cost
Corporate desktops	9456	At current purchase price of \$711
Corporate laptops	3707	At current purchase price of \$1622
Apple Macs	81	At approx. \$1300 each
Retail Point of Sale terminals	8575	At average price of \$1238
Total:	21,819	

Location -

	Corporate Desktops and Laptops	Apple Macs	Retail POS terminals
VIC/TAS	6899	81	2328
NSW	2858		2708
QLD	1784		1610
SA/NT	659		744
WA	823		885
Other	140		300
Total:	13,163	81	8,575

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2. Operating Systems -

Computer Type	Operating System*
Corporate desktops/laptops	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Microsoft Windows XP• Microsoft Windows 7• Microsoft Windows 8
Apple Macs	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mac OS X
Retail Point of Sale terminals	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Microsoft Windows XP• Microsoft Windows Server 2003

[* All operating system licenses are purchased at the time of equipment purchase. Microsoft licenses are trued-up annually.]

Ongoing Costs –

- \$260k extended MS Windows XP support to April 2015
- Annual \$350 ‘per user’ operating software fee for corporate users covering:
 - MS Windows Professional upgrade license
 - MS Office 365
 - MS Windows Remote Desktop Client access license