

**Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications**

**Answers to Senate Estimates Questions on Notice**

**Additional Estimates Hearings June 2014**

**Communications Portfolio**

**Special Broadcasting Service**

**Question No: 423**

**Program No. SBS**

**Hansard Ref: In writing**

**Topic: Unallocated equipment**

**Senator Ludwig asked:**

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. As a broadcaster, SBS is required to maintain a level of spares to service operational equipment to ensure broadcast continuity. This includes redundant equipment (i.e. equipment that has been fully written off) which is used for spare parts. There are no phones or computers in storage (note the majority of SBS computers are leased).
2. Information at this level of detail is not available - to provide further details would involve an unreasonable diversion of resources. However the costs are minimal and there are no additional storage costs as this equipment is housed in existing SBS owned or leased buildings.