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Answers to questions on notice
Environment portfolio

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Senator Ludwig asked:

Please detail how much electrical equipment, phones and computers the department/agency has in storage or unallocated to staff

Please detail the purchase, storage and ongoing costs associated with equipment, phones and computers in storage or unallocated.

Answer:

Department of the Environment

The Department's electrical equipment, phones and computers are primarily managed by an outsourced service provider and are not tracked to this level; therefore it is not possible to provide detail of this nature without a significant diversion of resources and time.

Bureau of Meteorology

The Bureau keeps a broad range of electronic equipment, predominantly spare parts and components for electronic observing equipment. To manually analyse the inventory register would involve an unreasonable diversion of resources. The total value of inventory in storage is published in the audited financial statements in the Bureau's annual report. For 2012-13 this information is on page 233 of the annual report which can be found at:

<http://www.bom.gov.au/inside/eiab/reports/ar12-13/>

The Bureau of Meteorology's fixed assets are acquired, safeguarded, controlled, disposed of and accounted for in accordance with accepted accounting policies, Accountable Authority Instructions and legislated requirements.

Clean Energy Regulator

Description	Quantity	Total Purchase Cost	Storage Cost	Ongoing Cost	Location
Laptops	25	N/A	Nil	Nil	IT Storeroom
Mobile Phones	25	N/A	Nil	Nil	

There are no-ongoing costs for computers and laptops as they were purchased outright when the Clean Energy Regulator ceased to be part of the former Department of Climate Change and Energy Efficiency. Phones are deactivated when they go into storage to avoid incurring any ongoing costs.

The Clean Energy Regulator is unable to provide the costs of these items as they were purchased by the former Department of Climate Change and Energy Efficiency.

Climate Change Authority

All Climate Change Authority electrical equipment, phones and computers were purchased to meet an existing need. All purchased equipment was allocated to meet fit out requirements for the 36 staff.

In the time since the announcement of the intended abolition of the Authority, the staffing has reduced to 20. The remaining equipment from the fit out is now unallocated.

There are no storage costs associated with this equipment.

Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority

Description	Quantity	Total Purchase Cost	Storage Cost	Ongoing Cost	Location
Desktops	5	\$2,315	Nil	Nil	ICT secure room
Laptops	5	\$3,199	Nil	Nil	
Mobile Phones	2	\$1,584	Nil	\$78	

Murray-Darling Basin Authority

Description	Number	Total Purchase Cost	Storage Cost	Ongoing Cost	Location
Mobile Phones	19	\$9,632	Nil	Nil	Canberra ICT area
Tablets	5	\$4420	Nil	Nil	

National Water Commission

Description	Number	Total Purchase Cost	Storage Cost	Ongoing Cost	Location
Mobile Phones	6	\$3,775	Nil	Nil	ICT secure room
Laptops	6	\$6,205	Nil	Nil	
Printers	2	\$316	Nil	Nil	

Sydney Harbour Federation Trust

The Trust's electrical equipment, phones and computers are primarily managed by an outsourced service provider and are not tracked to this level; therefore it is not possible to provide detail of this nature without a significant diversion of resources and time.