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Answers to questions on notice
Environment portfolio

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Senator Ludwig asked:

List the current inventory of computers owned, leased, stored, or able to be accessed by the department, listing the equipment cost and location
Please detail the operating systems used by the departments computers, the contractual arrangements for operating software and the on-going costs

Answer:

The Department has an extensive range of computer equipment delivered primarily through an outsourced service provider arrangement. The major computing devices used within the department are:

- 823 Desktop PCs
- 294 Laptops
- 2,375 Thin clients
- 169 Servers

Costs for equipment are part of a 'one charge' service fee which incorporates the equipment, support, maintenance and upgrades of the equipment. To answer this question in greater detail would require a significant diversion of resources and time.

The primary operating systems used within the Department are:

- Microsoft Windows 7;
- Microsoft Windows 2008 R2;
- Microsoft Windows 2012 R2; and
- Red Hat Enterprise Linux (RHEL).

The contractual arrangements and ongoing costs for Microsoft operating system software is in accordance with the Department of Finance Whole of Australian Government Volume Sourcing Arrangement (VSA) II.

The Department's ICT outsourced provider, Datacom, is responsible for the RHEL contractual arrangements. 12 physical server licences (unlimited virtual server licenses on each server) of RHEL exist at a yearly cost of \$42,906.96 (\$3,575.58 per licence).