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Communications Portfolio
Special Broadcasting Service

Question No: 489

Program No. Special Broadcasting Service

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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 Ministers office as provided by the department, listing the equipment cost and location and employment classification of the staff member that is allocated the equipment, or if the equipment is currently not being used
2. List the current inventory of computers owned, leased, stored, or able to be accessed by the department, listing the equipment cost and location
3. Please detail the operating systems used by the departments computers, the contractual arrangements for operating software and the on-going costs

Answers

1. Not applicable –the Minister’s office does not use or access our equipment, nor have any reason to.
2. SBS lease computers over a 3 year period.
The current inventory includes 1,095 PC’s, 507 laptops and 1,764 monitors.
Average unit prices: PC’s - \$1,723; Laptops - \$2,081; Monitors - \$292.
Locations: Sydney – 2,856; Melbourne – 457; Remote offices (Canberra, Adelaide, Brisbane, Perth) – 53.
3. Operating Systems: Microsoft Windows (XP, 7, 8); Apple OS (X).
Microsoft Windows operating systems are part of an Enterprise Agreement with Microsoft. The cost of the agreement to SBS over the current 3 year period is \$1,470,000.
The Apple operating system is incorporated into the cost of the hardware.