

Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications

Answers to Senate Estimates Questions on Notice

Supplementary Budget Estimates Hearings November 2014

Communications Portfolio

Department of Communications

Question No: 49

Program 1.1

Hansard Ref: In Writing

Topic: Provision of equipment - ministerial

Senator Ludwig, Joe asked:

Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014:

1. For departments/agencies that provide mobile phones to Ministers and/or Parliamentary Secretaries and/or their offices, what type of mobile phone has been provided and the costs?
 1. Itemise equipment and cost broken down by staff or minister classification
2. Has electronic equipment (such as iPad, laptop, wireless card, vasco token, blackberry, mobile phone (list type if relevant), thumb drive, video cameras) been provided by the department/agency? If yes provide a list of:
3. What is provided?
4. The purchase cost.
5. The ongoing cost.
6. A list of any accessories provided for the equipment and the cost of those accessories. (e.g. iPad keyboards, laptop carry bags, additional chargers etc).
7. A breakdown of what staff and staff classification receives each item.

Answer:

1. The Minister and Parliamentary Secretary and their staff are provided a mobile phone. The cost for a mobile handset is \$908.18 - \$1026.36 (GST exclusive).
 1. The information relating to Ministerial staff classification is held by the Special Minister of State.
- 2-6 Refer to Question on Notice 40 from Budget Estimates Hearings of November 2014.
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