

Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications

Answers to Senate Estimates Questions on Notice

Supplementary Budget Estimates Hearings November 2014

Communications Portfolio

Special Broadcasting Service

Question No: 525

Program No. Special Broadcasting Service

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Topic: Provision of equipment - departmental

Senator Ludwig asked:

Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014:

1. 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 to departmental staff? If yes provide a list of:
2. What has been provided?
3. The purchase cost.
4. The ongoing cost.
5. 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.).
A breakdown of what staff and staff classification receives each item.

Answer

1. Yes, electronic equipment has been provided. This includes PCs (or laptops), smartphones, Nokia mobile phones and iPads.
2. All staff have a PC (or laptop where applicable) at an average lease cost of \$600 per annum. Some staff have a smartphone at an average purchase cost of \$800 issued in accordance with operational requirements. The ongoing cost is approximately \$70 per month. Some staff are issued with standard Nokia mobile phones with a purchase cost of \$200 and an ongoing cost of \$70 per month. A few management and content staff have been issued with iPads. These purchases require Managing Director approval and are generally replaced every two years.
3. The purchase price is currently \$799 with an ongoing monthly cost of \$49.
4. There are 50 internet dongles used by staff. These cost approximately \$200 and the average ongoing cost is a data plan of \$49 per month.
5. Mobile data devices (smartphones and tablets) are issued to employees to gain mobile access to the company email system, the internet and general IT resources. In providing staff with equipment to fulfil their duties away from SBS offices, the nature and needs of individual roles are taken into account and approved by senior management. SBS is not an Australian Public Service agency and does not use the Australian Public Service employment classifications.