

Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications

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Communications Portfolio

Australian Broadcasting Corporation

Question No: 638

Program No. Australian Broadcasting Corporation

Hansard Ref: In Writing

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).
6. A breakdown of what staff and staff classification receives each item.

Answer:

1, 2, 3, 4, 5 Yes. A list of electronic equipment provided to ABC staff and associated costs between 1 May and 30 November 2014 is provided below:

Items	Sub Type	Quantity by area of the ABC			Total	Purchase Cost	Comments
		Output	Support	Corporate			
iPads		49	8	10	69	\$28,280	Includes second year Apple Care
Laptops	Windows	48	64	1	113	\$199,989	Includes 4 years warranty service next business day response
	Mac	40	2	0	42	\$154,751	
Wireless Cards		9	1	1	11	\$1,920	Ongoing cost of data plans
VPN Tokens		272	79	49	400	\$25,441	Tokens last 3 years
Smart Phones	iPhone	87	32	7	126	\$106,517	Ongoing mobile call costs and data plans
	Android	13	11	0	24	\$17,843	
Total						\$534,741	

Notes: The Output areas include Radio, Television, News, Innovation, ABC International, ABC Commercial and Resources.

The Support areas include the Office of the Chief Operating Officer, Business Services, Communications Networks, Legal, ABC People and Technology.

Corporate includes the Chairman, Managing Director and State Directors' Offices and Corporate Affairs.

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4. The ABC does not keep records of all ongoing costs against devices. However, there is no on-going cost for:

- iPads (WiFi ipads)
- Laptops
- VPN tokens

6. The ABC does not keep records of allocation of equipment by staff classification.