

**Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications  
Legislation Committee**  
Answers to questions on notice  
**Environment portfolio**

**Question No:** 323  
**Hearing:** Supplementary Budget Estimates  
**Outcome:** Corporate  
**Programme:** Corporate Strategies Division (CSD)  
**Topic:** PORTFOLIO WIDE - UNALLOCATED EQUIPMENT  
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**Question Type:** Written

**Senator Ludwig asked:**

Please detail how much electrical equipment, phones and computers the department/agency has in storage or unallocated to staff

a. Please detail the purchase, storage and ongoing costs associated with equipment, phones and computers in storage or unallocated.

**Answer:**

***Department of the Environment***

The Department's electrical equipment, phones and computers are primarily managed by an outsourced service provider and are not tracked to this level.

***Sydney Harbour Federation Trust***

The Trust's electrical equipment, phones and computers are primarily managed by an outsourced service provider and are not tracked to this level.

***Murray-Darling Basin Authority***

Item	Initial Cost	Status
7 x iPhone 5S	\$984.00 per unit	Stock to meet new requirements and replace aging handsets.
3 x iPhone 5	\$734.00 per unit	Stock to meet new requirements and replace aging handsets.
1 x iPad 4 <sup>th</sup> Generation	\$884.00 per unit	Stock to meet new requests for hardware.
9 x Dell Latitude E5540	\$1,357.40 per unit	Currently being configured to replace old hardware.
30 x HP Elitedesk 800	\$837.87 per unit	Currently being configured to replace old hardware.
3 x Acer TravelMate P455-MG	\$1,359.89 per unit	Currently being configured to replace old hardware.
19 x Nortel 1120E IP desk phones	\$160.00 per unit	Stock for replacement of faulty phones

There are no ongoing costs associated with the unallocated equipment.

### **Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority**

Equipment	Number	Cost	Storage cost	Ongoing costs p/m
Desktops	3	\$1,389	Nil	Nil
Phones	6	\$5,304	Nil	Nil

### **Climate Change Authority**

All Climate Change Authority electronic equipment, phones and computers were acquired to meet an existing need. All transferred equipment was allocated to meet fit out requirements for the 36 staff.

In the time since the initial announcement of the intention to abolish the Authority, the staffing has reduced and currently stands at 20. The remaining equipment from the fit out is now unallocated. This equipment may still be required to meet the staffing requirements associated with the Authority's future work program.

The unallocated equipment includes 4 Laptops and 12 Desktops. These were not purchased by the Authority and were transferred at their written down value from the former Department of Climate Change and Energy Efficiency.

There is no storage costs associated with this equipment.

### **Bureau of Meteorology**

The Bureau keeps a broad range of electronic equipment, predominantly spare parts and componentry for electronic observing equipment. To manually analyse the inventory register would involve an unreasonable diversion of resources. The total value of inventory in storage is published in the audited financial statements in the Bureau's annual report. For 2013–14 this information is on page 179 of the annual report which can be found at:

<http://www.bom.gov.au/inside/eiab/reports/ar13-14/index.shtml>

The Bureau of Meteorology's fixed assets are acquired, safeguarded, controlled, disposed of and accounted for in accordance with accepted accounting policies, Accountable Authority Instructions and legislated requirements.

### ***Clean Energy Regulator***

<b>Description</b>	<b>Quantity</b>	<b>Total Purchase Cost</b>	<b>Storage Cost</b>	<b>Ongoing Cost</b>
Laptops	15	N/A	Nil	Nil
Mobile Phones	26	N/A	Nil	Nil

There are no ongoing costs for computers and laptops as they were purchased outright when the Clean Energy Regulator ceased to be part of the former Department of Climate Change and Energy Efficiency. Phones are deactivated when they go into storage to avoid incurring any ongoing cost.

The Clean Energy Regulator is unable to provide the cost of those items as they were purchased by the former Department of Climate Change and Energy Efficiency.

### ***National Water Commission***

The following items were either unallocated or in storage at 30 September 2014. The numbers reflect the Government's decision to abolish the Commission at the end of the 2014 calendar year and the progressing decline in staff numbers. Items will be disposed of through transfer to other government agencies.

<b>Description</b>	<b>Quantity</b>	<b>Total Purchase Cost</b>	<b>Storage Cost</b>	<b>Ongoing Cost</b>
Mobile Phones	14	\$10,150	Nil	Nil
Laptops	14	\$14,514	Nil	Nil
Printers	4	\$3,550	Nil	Nil
Desktop Computers	5	\$3,900	Nil	Nil