

Senate Standing Committee on Economics

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Question: BET 1237-1241

Topic: Provision of Equipment (ASIC)

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Senator BUSHBY asked:

- 1237. For departments/agencies that provide mobile phones to Ministers and/or Parliamentary Secretaries and/or their offices, what type of mobile phone is provided and the costs.
- 1238. For departments/agencies that provide electronic equipment to Ministers and/or Parliamentary Secretaries and/or their offices, what are the ongoing costs for this financial year to date?
- 1239. What were the running costs for 2009-10 and 2010-11?
- 1240. Is electronic equipment (such as ipad, laptop, wireless card, vasco token, blackberry, mobile phone (list type if relevant), thumb drive (not an inclusive list)) provided to department/agency staff? If yes provide details of what is provided, the purchase cost, the ongoing cost and a breakdown of what staff and staff classification receives it.
- 1241. Please update if there have been any changes since Additional Estimates 2011-12 (February 2012):
 - a) Does the department/agency provide their Ministers and/or Parliamentary Secretaries and/or their offices with any electronic equipment? If yes, provide details of what is provided, the cost and to who it is provided.

Answer:

- 1237. Nil. ASIC does not provide mobile phones to Ministers, Parliamentary Secretaries or their offices.
- 1238. Nil. ASIC does not provide electronic equipment to Ministers, Parliamentary Secretaries or their offices.
- 1239. Nil. ASIC does not provide mobile phones or electronic equipment to Ministers, Parliamentary Secretaries or their offices.
- 1240. Yes. ASIC's policy is to provide electronic equipment to selected staff, based on need and on manager's approval. ASIC can provide the following to agency staff:
 - o Mobile phone
 - § Nokia C5 (\$237 purchase cost + \$26 per month + calls). Available to staff with a justified and approved need.
 - o Blackberry
 - § Blackberry 9900 (\$715 purchase cost + \$51 per month + calls). Available to staff with a justified and approved need.

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- § Blackberry 9860 Torch (\$765 purchase cost + \$51 per month + calls). Available to staff with a justified and approved need.
 - o Laptop
 - § The purchase cost is either \$1560 for HP 2533T or \$2897 for HP2530 with no ongoing costs. Available to Executive Level 2 staff and above.
 - § The purchase cost for Macbooks has been from \$2,337 to \$3,594 depending on which size and model is appropriate for various usages (e.g. external presentations, film editing). Additional costs for required hardware and software ranges from \$30 to \$500. Ongoing costs are for data usage and range from \$20 to \$30 per month. Available to staff at any appropriate level who have a specific business need (e.g. monitoring social media, film editing, external presentations).
 - o Tablets
 - § The purchase cost has been from \$598 to \$949 for iPads depending on the model and time of purchase. Additional accessories, hardware and software costs range from \$2 to \$110. Available to staff at any appropriate level who have a specific business need.
 - o Vasco tokens
 - § The purchase cost is \$150 per token with no ongoing cost. Provided to staff with a justified and approved need to have remote access.
 - o USB Thumb drives
 - § The purchase cost is \$55 per device. Available to staff with a justified and approved need.
1241. ASIC does not provide any electronic equipment to Ministers, Parliamentary Secretaries or their offices and this position has not changed since Additional Estimates 2011-12 (February 2012).