Senate Standing Committee on Economics

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29 May – 31 May 2012

Question: BET 1252-1256

Topic: Provision of Equipment (APRA)

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Senator BUSHBY asked:

- 1252. 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.
- 1253. 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?
- 1254. What were the running costs for 2009-10 and 2010-11?
- 1255. 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.
- 1256. 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:

1252. – 1254 & 1256. The Australian Prudential Regulation Authority (APRA) does not provide mobile phones or other electronic equipment to Ministers and/or Parliamentary Secretaries and/ or their offices.

Item	Indicative Purchase Price (AUD)	Indicative ongoing Costs (AUD) *	Staff Eligibility
Laptop	\$1,300	Nil - warranty is part of the initial purchase price	Staff required to travel for business purposes.
Desktop	\$700	Nil - warranty is part of the initial purchase price	All staff.

1255. The following equipment is made available to APRA staff.

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RSA Token	\$82	Nil	All staff requiring remote access.
Encrypted USB Thumb Drive	\$50	Nil	Staff required to take data offsite.
3G Mobile Broadband devices, such as Blackberry	\$539 per Blackberry (including the access fee)	All Blackberry devices and Mobile Broadband SIMS are connected to a shared data pool for up to 200 devices costing \$2,000 per month.	Staff requiring access for business purposes.

* Excludes any indirect cost associated with support and maintenance.