

Senate Economics Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Department/ Agency: Clean Energy Finance Corporation

Question: BET 2172-2173

Topic: Provision of Equipment – Ministerial and Department

Reference: Written 12 June 2014

Senator: Ludwig

Question:

- 2172 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 (since Additional Estimates in February 2014)?
- a.) Itemise equipment and cost broken down by staff or minister classification
- 2173 Is electronic equipment (such as ipad, laptop, wireless card, vasco token, blackberry, mobile phone (list type if relevant), thumb drive, video cameras) provided to department/agency staff? If yes provide a list of what is provided across the department of agency, the purchase cost, the ongoing cost and a breakdown of what staff and staff classification receives each item (since Additional Estimates in February 2014).

Answer:

The answers to the honourable Senator's questions are as follows:

- 2172 Not applicable. The CEFC does not provide mobile phones to Ministers and/or Parliamentary Secretaries and/or their offices.
- 2173 Yes. Since Additional Estimates, one Motorola mobile phone incurring a one off cost of \$238 was provided to a non-Executive.

It is possible that a number of thumb drives were issued since Additional Estimates in February 2014, however, the CEFC treats these as a stationery item and does not monitor when they are issued. This information is of no utility to the CEFC, so attempting to collect this information would present an unnecessary diversion of public resources that would not meet the requirements of efficient, effective, economical and ethical usage per the *Public Governance and Accountability Act 2013*.