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Question: BET 3002-3003

Topic: Provision of Equipment – Ministerial and Department

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Senator: Ludwig

Question:

3001. 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
3002. 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:

As at 12 June 2014:

3001. Not applicable.
3002. Yes, the Commission provides the following electronic equipment to agency employees:

Electronic Device	Average Purchase Cost per item (ex GST)	Average annual ongoing cost per item (ex GST)
Laptop	\$1,172	-
iPhone (or other mobile phone)	869	\$816
iPad	598	\$588
Wireless card	\$178	\$552

Note: USB sticks are retained by the ICT section and allocated on a loan basis.

Employees from the classifications below that receive electronic devices are those that have a business need to be contactable at any time and/or require remote access to agency resources.

The staff classifications that have access to electronic devices on that basis are:
Statutory Office holders

- SESB3
- SESB2
- SESB1
- EL2
- EL1
- APS5-6