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ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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Budget Estimates

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Division/Agency: Australian Bureau of Statistics

Question No: 18

Topic: Laptops

Reference: Written

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Question:

1. How many laptops are currently on issue to staff of the ABS?
2. Can an itemised list showing make and model please be provided?
3. How many new laptops were purchased by the ABS in calendar year 2016?
4. What was the total cost (GST inclusive) of purchasing laptops for staff of the ABS in calendar year 2016?
5. How many laptops did the ABS have to be replaced due to damage in calendar year 2016? What was the cost of replacement (GST inclusive)?
6. How many laptops were reported lost or stolen in calendar year 2016? What was the cost of replacement (GST inclusive)?

Answer:

1. As at the 29 June 2017 the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) had a total of 3482 laptops currently on issue to staff. This includes 2953 issued to ABS Office staff and 529 issued to ABS Field/Interviewer staff. ABS does not issue other desktop based computers to staff.
2. As at the 29 June 2017, the make and model of the issued laptop devices were as follows:

Make / Model	Quantity Issued
Acer Aspire R13	2953
Acer P645	405
Acer TravelMate P446-M	124

3. The ABS purchased 1063 new laptops in the 2016 calendar year, distributed as follows:
 - 250 – Purchased in January 2016
 - 500 – Purchased in April 2016
 - 313 – Purchased in June 2016
4. The total cost of purchasing laptops for the ABS in the 2016 calendar year was \$1,324,566 (GST inc)
5. The ABS arranged for the *repair* of 25 laptops at a total cost of \$12,076 over the 2016 calendar year. Loan laptops were issued to staff while the repairs were completed. The original laptops were returned to users once repaired.

6. The ABS had 13 laptops reported as lost / stolen during the 2016 calendar year. A total of 7 of these laptops were recovered. Of the 8 laptops that were not recovered, the ABS staff were issued with replacement laptops from existing stock. Book value of replacement laptops was \$1100.00 ea (GST inc).