

Senate Standing Committee on Economics

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Question: SBE 328-331

Topic: Provision of equipment (ATO)

Written: 29 November 2013

Senator LUDWIG asked:

328. 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?
329. For departments/agencies that provide electronic equipment to Ministers and/or Parliamentary Secretaries and/or their offices, what are the ongoing costs from 7 September 2013 to date?
330. Is electronic equipment (such as ipad, laptop, wireless card, vasco token, blackberry, mobile phone (list type if relevant), thumb drive) 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.
331. 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.

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Answer:

328. The ATO does not provide equipment to Treasury portfolio Ministers.

329. Refer to SBE 328.

330. All ATO employees receive a standard desktop and monitor. Standard Notebook and encrypted thumb drives are issued to staff based on business need. To ensure economical use of these devices, they are able to be used in pooled or multiple user situations which are managed by user identification. This also assists with the monitoring of access and usage.

ATO employees who receive other electronic devices have an identified business need to be contactable at any time or require remote access to departmental resources. The employee classifications that have access to electronic devices based on business needs are:

- Commissioners
- SES Band 2
- SES Band 1
- EL2
- EL1
- APS4-6.

The ATO provides the following electronic devices to employees:

Electronic device	Average purchase cost per Device (excluding GST)	Ongoing cost per device* (excluding GST)
Standard Desktop	\$580.00	\$17.49 per month
Standard Monitor	\$136.36	\$3.96 per month
Standard Notebook	\$857.82	Standalone portable \$37.82 per month Small portable \$44.54 per month Medium portable \$37.82 per month Large portable \$51.44 per month
RSA Token (RSA SecureID authenticator SID700)	\$81.28 RSA SecureID Appliance Base Software License \$56.25	SecureCare Enhanced Maintenance for RSA SecureID Appliance Base Edition for twelve months \$8.40
Blackberry 9900	\$515.00	\$67.64 per month
Nokia C5	\$215 .00	\$5.64 per month
Encrypted thumb drive	2GB \$176.96 4GB \$203.92 8GB \$237.60	N/A
Optus 3G wireless modem	\$181.82	\$1.38 per month
PDA (Smartphone data enabled mobile)	Apple iPhone 5 64GB - \$662.73 Samsung Galaxy S4 - \$744.55	\$5.64 per month
Tablet (Data enabled device)	Apple iPad 4 128GB \$940.00	\$5.64 per month

* Individual ongoing cost, does not include usage. Monthly ongoing figures are for rental of hardware which the ATO doesn't practise in the desktop/mobile space, as items are purchased outright. However these figures are provided in the Service Provider contracts if the ATO elects to do so.

Note: Pricing is in accordance with the Whole-of-Government desktop panel or Service Provider arrangements.

331. Refer to SBE 328.