

Senate Standing Committee on Economics

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Question: SBT 308-311

Topic: Provision of Equipment

Written: 25 November 2013

Senator LUDWIG asked:

308. 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?
309. 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?
310. Is electronic equipment (such as iPads, laptops, wireless cards, vasco tokens, Blackberries, mobile phones (list type if relevant), thumb drives) 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.
311. 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:

308. The ABS does not provide Ministers and/or Parliamentary Secretaries and/or their offices with mobile phones.
309. The ABS does not provide electronic equipment to Ministers and/or Parliamentary Secretaries and/or their offices.
310. The table below lists devices provided by the ABS to support personal productivity and remote network access for knowledge worker and field data collector staff. Device allocation is determined by staffing level and by position requirements and in some cases entails selection e.g. SES may have either iPhone or basic mobile. As at 20th November 2013, ABS provides the following electronic devices to department/agency staff:

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item	purchase cost per unit \$	annual cost* per unit \$	staff/classification			
			SES	EL2	EL1	APS1-6
iPad	\$800	\$210**	yes	yes	yes, if approved by Director	yes, if approved by Director
Laptop	\$930	\$520***	yes	yes, if approved by AS	yes, if approved by Director	yes, if approved by Director
Wireless card	\$80	\$210**	yes	yes, if approved by AS	yes, if approved by Director	yes, if approved by Director
identity token	\$40	\$30	yes	yes	yes	yes
iPhone	\$670	\$420**	yes	yes, if approved by AS	yes, if approved by Director	yes, if approved by Director
Basic mobile phone	\$150	\$60	yes	yes	yes, if approved by Director	yes, if approved by Director
USB thumb drive	\$22	0	yes	yes	yes	yes

* Ongoing cost does not include non-standard software or usage

** iPad and wireless cards ongoing cost includes network data access under Optus (majority supplier). iPhone includes network data access under Telstra (majority supplier)

*** Laptop ongoing cost does not include network data access

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