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Department/Agency: ABS Question: SBT456-458 Topic: Computers Reference: Written - 30 October 2014 Senator: Ludwig, Joe

Question:

- 456. List the current inventory of computers owned, leased, stored, or able to be accessed by the Ministers office as provided by the department, listing the equipment cost and location and employment classification of the staff member that is allocated the equipment, or if the equipment is currently not being used
- 457. List the current inventory of computers owned, leased, stored, or able to be accessed by the department, listing the equipment cost and location
- 458. Please detail the operating systems used by the departments computers, the contractual arrangements for operating software and the on-going costs

Answer:

- 456. There are no computers owned, leased, stored, or able to be accessed by the Ministers office as provided by the department.
- 457. The computers owned by the ABS are distributed as follows:

| Device | Cost Range | ACT | NSW | VIC | QLD | SA | WA | TAS | NT | Totals |
|---------|---------------|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|----|--------|
| Laptop | \$950 upwards | 2090 | 115 | 97 | 105 | 247 | 58 | 53 | 16 | 2781 |
| Desktop | \$650 upwards | 2263 | 334 | 333 | 229 | 39 | 238 | 143 | 76 | 3655 |

It should be noted that:

- Distribution across states is best estimate available. Assets move between states on a regular basis.
- By December 2014, 83% of the laptop fleet and 65% of the desktop fleet within the ABS will be End of Life and fully depreciated (zero \$ value).

The ABS has had a strategy in place to retain useful computing equipment as long as possible with the intention to re-purpose equipment as requirements change. Equipment is only disposed of once end of life and no longer serviceable.

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| Operating System | Cost/Year | Contract Arrangement |
|-------------------------------|--|---|
| Windows 7 (Desktop/laptop) | \$0 in 14/15 \$0 in 15/16 | Volume Sourcing Arrangement (VSA)II – Core Desktop Licence (CDL) Enrolment administered by the Department of Finance |
| OSX Apple (Macs) | \$0 | No contractual arrangement. Outright purchase through Desktop Panel (~12 machines) |
| Windows Server | \$118,000 in 14/15 \$118,000 in 15/16 | VSAII – Agency Enterprise Enrolment (AEE) administered by Data#3 as a Microsoft re-seller |