

Senate Economics Legislation Committee
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Department/Agency: ABS
Question: SBT529-530
Topic: Provision of equipment
Reference: Written - 30 October 2014
Senator: Ludwig, Joe

Question:

529. For departments/agencies that provide mobile phones to Ministers and/or Parliamentary Secretaries and/or their offices, what type of mobile phone has been provided and the costs?
- a) Itemise equipment and cost broken down by staff or minister classification
530. Has electronic equipment (such as ipad, laptop, wireless card, vasco token, blackberry, mobile phone (list type if relevant), thumb drive, video cameras) been provided by the department/agency? If yes provide a list of:
- a) What is provided?
- b) The purchase cost.
- c) The ongoing cost.
- d) A list of any accessories provided for the equipment and the cost of those accessories. (e.g. iPad keyboards, laptop carry bags, additional chargers etc).
- e) A breakdown of what staff and staff classification receives each item.

Answer:

529. No mobile phones are provided to Ministers and /or Parliamentary Secretaries and /or their offices.
530. Electronic equipment, including iPads, laptops, wireless cards, identity tokens, iPhones, basic mobile phones and USB thumb drives, are provided to Department/agency staff.

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 30 October 2014, 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	\$600	\$150**	yes	yes, if approved by AS	yes, if approved by AS	yes, if approved by AS
Laptop	\$1000	\$0***	yes	yes	yes	yes
Wireless card	\$80	\$150**	yes	yes	yes, if approved by EL2	yes, if approved by EL2
identity token	\$40	\$30	yes	yes	yes	yes
iPhone	\$450	\$360**	yes	yes, if approved by AS	yes, if approved by AS	yes, if approved by AS
Basic mobile phone	\$80	\$60	yes	yes	yes, if approved by AS	yes, if approved by AS
USB thumb drive	\$22	0	yes, if approved by Security	yes, if approved by Security	yes, if approved by Security	yes, if approved by Security

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

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

*** Laptops are considered part of our normal desktop fleet and have no additional ongoing licensed software or comms cards installed.