

Senate Economics Legislation Committee
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Department/Agency: ABS

Question: 993-995

Topic: Computers

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Question:

993. 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
994. List the current inventory of computers owned, leased, stored, or able to be accessed by the department, listing the equipment cost and location
995. Please detail the operating systems used by the departments computers, the contractual arrangements for operating software and the on-going costs

Answer:

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

Device	Cost Range	ACT	NSW	VIC	QLD	SA	WA	TAS	NT	Totals
Laptop	\$950-\$1200	3502	318	364	403	456	150	139	53	5385
Desktop	\$650-\$800	1449	316	352	16	25	201	113	67	2539

It should be noted that:

- Distribution across states is best estimate available. Assets move between states on a regular basis.
- By December 2015, the majority of our desktop fleet and 45% of the laptop fleet within the ABS will be End of Life and fully depreciated (zero \$ value).
- In 2015 a new laptop fleet of 2501 was purchased to move to a model of per user allocation, rather than per desk. By Q1 2016 all ABS staff will have a laptop and most of the remaining desktops and all end of life laptops will be disposed of (700-800 desktops will be used by our Census area for data processing for a short period of time before disposal).

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)	\$301,904 in 13/14 (upfront) \$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 13/14 \$118,000 in 14/15 \$118,000 in 15/16	VSAAI – Agency Enterprise Enrolment (AEE) administered by Data#3 as a Microsoft re-seller

It should be noted that:

- In June 2016 a new Volume Sourcing Arrangement (VSA)II – Core Desktop Licence (CDL) and VSAAI – Agency Enterprise Enrolment (AEE) will be entered into with both the Department of Finance and Data #3. The cost per year for this new arrangement has not been released.
- When the ABS enters into the new agreement the ABS will be looking at purchasing licenses for 3650 users for Windows 7 and at least 139 Windows Servers. With the Windows Servers there is a potential for a slight increase due to new sites coming online in 2016.