

Senate Committee: Education and Employment

QUESTION ON NOTICE Additional Estimates 2015 - 2016

Outcome: Cross Portfolio - Shared Services Centre

Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ16-000240

Senator Ludwig, Joe provided in writing

Computers

Question

1. 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
2. List the current inventory of computers owned, leased, stored, or able to be accessed by the department, listing the equipment cost and location
3. Please detail the operating systems used by the departments computers, the contractual arrangements for operating software and the on-going costs

Answer

The answer below is provided as at 31 January 2016:

1. The Department of Education and Training provides IT equipment in line with the DOF Ministerial Entitlements Handbook. There are currently 12 desktops and 15 laptop computers on issue to the Ministers' offices. The current total asset (book) value is \$25,139.10.
2. The department shares a pool of computers with the Department of Employment. The pool is managed by the Shared Services Centre. The Shared Services Centre manages 6801 personal computers and laptops for both departments of which 6521 are active with the remainder being prepared for disposal or transfer.
 - The number of items of equipment in the pool and staff levels in each department and their requirements vary over the year. To determine the precise items that are allocated to staff, and match the asset numbers to historical financial records of their purchase value would be an unreasonable diversion of departmental resources.
 - The current book value of the 6801 computers is \$2,205,525.58.
 - These computers are located in the national offices of the departments or in their state network offices.
3. The department currently supports both Windows 7 and 8.1 operating systems. The contractual arrangement is through the Whole of Government Volume Sourcing panel arrangement administered by the Department of Finance.