

**Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment - Education**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE  
Supplementary Budget Estimates 2014-2015**

**Cross Portfolio**

**Department of Education Question No. ED0502\_15**

**Senator Ludwig provided in writing.**

**Question**

**Dept & its agencies: Unallocated Equipment**

1. Please detail how much electrical equipment, phones and computers the department/agency has in storage or unallocated to staff 2. Please detail the purchase, storage and ongoing costs associated with equipment, phones and computers in storage or unallocated.

**Answer**

Department of Education

The Department of Education shares a pool of electrical equipment, phones and computers with the Department of Employment. The number of items of equipment in the pool and staff levels in each department and their requirements vary over the year and at any point in time there may be a surplus or shortage of equipment. To determine the precise items that are unallocated, and match the asset numbers to historical financial records of their purchase value and to calculate the storage costs would be an unreasonable diversion of departmental resources.

Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority

1) To meet ACARA policy requirements all IT equipment kept in storage or unallocated is held for redundancy measures, i.e. so that faulty phones, monitors and desktops that are essential for day-to-day operational requirements can be readily replaced.

ACARA current stored/unallocated equipment consists of:

- 5 HP monitors 21.5"
- 2 HP Slimline desktop 800 G1
- 5 Alcatel IP Touch 4820

2. Below is the corresponding information highlighting; purchase, storage and ongoing costs:

a) Purchase:

- i) HP Monitor -  $\$181.50 \times 5 = \$907.50$
- ii) HP Slimline desktop 800 G1 -  $\$1187.18 \times 2 = \$2374.36$
- iii) Alcatel IP Touch 4820 – N/A as purchased prior to this financial year

b) Storage:

- i) All equipment are stored within ACARA offices onsite, as such there are no storage costs associated with the equipment.

c) Ongoing costs:

i) All IT equipment is under support agreements with external vendors. This has been arranged at purchase of equipment, and as such the ongoing costs will be nil.

#### Australian Research Council

1. The Australian Research Council (ARC) currently has five spare desk phones, six spare mobile phones (old phones not disposed of), and eight spare desktop PCs.

2. Nil storage cost.

#### The Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency

1) and 2) Please see table below. All unit cost are exclusive of GST:\* These equipment have not been allocated to a specific staff member, but issued to staff temporarily and only when required.

| <b>Equipment Detail</b>                      | <b>Quantity Unallocated</b> | <b>Unit Cost</b> | <b>Storage Cost</b> | <b>Ongoing Cost</b> |
|--|-----------------------------|------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Blackberry 9700                              | 2                           | \$ 513.32        | -                   | -                   |
| iPhone 4S                                    | 2                           | \$ 829.09        | -                   | -                   |
| iPad 3                                       | 2                           | \$ 885.36        | -                   | \$29/4GB            |
| iPad 4                                       | 3                           | \$775.20         | -                   | \$29/4GB            |
| Telstra Ultimate Sierra Wireless USB Modem * | 6                           | \$ 146.36        | -                   | \$39/1GB            |
| Dell Optiplex 980                            | 18                          | \$1,198.29       | -                   | -                   |
| Dell Optiplex 990                            | 12                          | \$1,051.10       | -                   | -                   |
| Dell Optiplex 9010                           | 16                          | \$771.38         | -                   | -                   |
| Dell Latitude E6320 Laptop*                  | 1                           | \$1,075.12       | -                   | -                   |
| Toshiba Protégé Laptop*                      | 4                           | \$1,932.54       | -                   | -                   |

#### Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies

It would be an unreasonable diversion of agency resources to provide the information requested.

Australian Institute for Teaching and School Leadership

| <b>Equipment description</b>            | <b>No of spare devices</b> | <b>Location</b>               | <b>Total purchase costs</b> | <b>Total on-going Costs – 1 June 2014 to 31 Oct 2014</b> |
|---|----------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|--|
| PC hard drives <sup>(1)</sup>           | 15                         | Server Room, Melbourne office | \$ 14,427.00                | \$ 0.00  |
| PC screens <sup>(1)</sup>               | 19                         | Server Room, Melbourne office | \$ 4,275.00                 | \$ 0.00  |
| Desk landline telephones <sup>(1)</sup> | 15                         | Server Room, Melbourne office | \$ 3,112.85                 | \$ 0.00  |
| Printer <sup>(2)</sup>                  | 1                          | Server Room, Melbourne office | \$ 1,630.00                 | \$ 0.00  |

**Notes:**

- (1) AITSL purchased PC hard drives, PC screens and desk phones to act as back up devices to cover breakdowns. AITSL has also recently reduced staff numbers.
- (2) The printer was previously used regularly. However, due to the cost of toner cartridge replacements, AITSL now uses large multi-function devices as the running costs are substantially less. AITSL is keeping this printer for back up purposes only.