Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE Supplementary Budget Estimates 2014-2015

Agency - Workplace Gender Equality Agency

Department of Employment Question No. EM1063_15

Senator Ludwig provided in writing

Question

WGEA – Computers

- 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

- 1. Nil.
- 2. The Workplace Gender Equality Agency (WGEA) leases 37 PCs from the Shared Services Centre (SSC). The costs associated with these PCs are based on WGEA's previous Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Department of Social Services as an arrangement with the SSC is yet to be finalised.

Equipment	Number of items	Cost	Location
Desktop package (PC and phone)	37	These are leased from the SSC and	WGEA office
		have an ongoing	
		cost of \$489 per	
		month per unit.	
Laptops	5	\$1090 purchase	WGEA office
		cost per unit.	
		Laptops have no	
		ongoing cost.	

3. All PCs and laptops have the Windows 7 Enterprise operating system. A Customised Operating Environment (COE) has been prepared and deployed by the Department of Employment as an extension of their Departmental network. An arrangement has yet to be agreed with the SSC to establish the ongoing costs for the provision of the COE and desktop support.

The WGEA has an ongoing maintenance cost of \$29,333.33 (excluding GST) per month for the Sugar CRM operating software.