

**Question:** 18

**Topic:** Provision of equipment – departmental

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**Senator LUDWIG asked:**

1. Other than desktop computers, list all electronic equipment provided to department / agency staff?
  - a) List the items.
  - b) List the purchase cost.
  - c) List the ongoing cost.
  - d) List the staff and staff classification that receive the equipment.

**Answer:**

The Department of Parliamentary Services is responsible for providing information and communication technology, including electronic equipment, to the department.

The department does, however, provide televisions to senators and staff. All senators' suites have televisions, and, generally, departmental staff at the Parliamentary Executive Level 2 and above are provided with a television in their office so that, among other things, proceedings in the Senate may be monitored.

With the changeover from the analogue service to the digital service for ParlTV in October 2013, the department purchased 230 new televisions for senators and the department, at a cost of \$71,000 or approximately \$308 each.