

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee:
Answers to written Questions on Notice Additional Budget Estimates 2013–14
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Department Parliamentary Budget Office
Topic Provision of equipment - ministerial
Senator Senator Ludwig
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Question

- 1 For departments/agencies that provide mobile phones to Ministers and/or Parliamentary Secretaries and/or their offices, what type of mobile phone is provided and the costs?
 - a Itemise equipment and cost broken down by staff or minister classification.
- 2 Is electronic equipment (such as iPad, laptop, wireless card, vasco token, blackberry, mobile phone (list type if relevant), thumb drive) provided to department/agency staff? If yes provide a list of what is provided across the department of agency, the purchase cost, the ongoing cost and a breakdown of what staff and staff classification receives each item.

Answer

- 1 Not applicable.
- 2 Yes.

Equipment	Cost	Ongoing cost	Allocation
iPhone	\$4,358.16 in total	\$15 per month plus call charges	Parliamentary Budget Officer, two SES Band 2 officers and four SES Band 1 officers.
iPad	\$5,939.18 in total	One plan at \$39 per month and all other plans at \$29 per month	Parliamentary Budget Officer, two SES Band 2 officers and four SES Band 1 officers.
RSA token	Nil	Nil	Parliamentary Budget Officer, two SES Band 2 officers, four SES Band 1 officers, four PEL2 officers, six PEL1 officers, four PSL6 officers and one PSL5 officer.

Protected thumb drives	\$624.68 (estimated)	Nil	45 encrypted thumb drives shared by all PBO employees and one for use by the Parliamentary Budget Officer.
External disc drive	\$232.70 (estimated)	Nil	3 external disc drives shared by all PBO employees.