

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**

**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

Budget Estimates 26 May-6 June 2014

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

**Department/Agency:** Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet

**Outcome/Program:** 1.1 Prime Minister and Cabinet

**Topic:** Electronic equipment

**Senator:** Senator the Hon Joe Ludwig

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**Question:**

Other than phones, ipads or computers – please list the electronic equipment provided to the Minister’s office since Additional Estimates in February, 2014.

- a. List the items
- b. List the items location or normal location
- c. List if the item is in the possession of the office or an individual staff member of minister, if with an individual list their employment classification level
- d. List the total cost of the items
- e. List an itemised cost breakdown of these items
- f. List the date they were provided to the office
- g. Note if the items were requested by the office or proactively provided by the department

**Answer:**

Consistent with past support provided to ministers’ offices within the portfolio, the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (PM&C) has met costs for electronic equipment including smart label printers, televisions, desktop scanners, monitors, USB devices and ancillary equipment totalling \$17,288.87 (excluding GST) for the period February to 30 April 2014.

Electronic equipment costs are reported against the same general ledger item; as a result, costs are combined for this response. To attempt to separate these costs would involve an unreasonable diversion of departmental resources.