

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: Provision of equipment - ministerial - All Agency Indigenous Bodies

Senator: Senator the Hon Joe 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:

Question 1 does not apply to the Indigenous Affairs agencies within the Prime Minister and Cabinet portfolio as they do not provide services of this kind to the Minister or Parliamentary Secretary.

Question 2 - Responses provided by the Indigenous Affairs agencies are below:

Portfolio Agency		Answer		
Aboriginal Hostels Limited				
Yes. Mobile phones (iPhone) – Managers -				
<i>Device</i>	<i>Staff classification</i>	<i># staff</i>	<i>Purchase cost (incl GST)</i>	<i>Ongoing cost</i>
Mobile phones (iPhone) & iPhone data plans	SES, EL2, Regional Managers, Staff (support roles)	50	\$799.00	\$34.95 / month each

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iPads	Board, SES, some EL2	19	\$820.00	-
iPad data plans	Board, SES, some EL2	19	-	SES \$99.00 / month each Others \$34.99 / month each
Laptops	SES, EL2, Regional Managers, Staff (support roles)	21	\$16,758.00	-
Laptop wireless cards/dongles	SES, EL2, Regional Managers, Staff (support roles)	26	\$179.00	\$39.00 / month
Vasco tokens	SES, EL2, Regional Managers, Staff (support roles)	29	-	\$20.70 annually
Anindilyakwa Land Council		<p>Yes.</p> <p>Laptops provided to all staff for work purposes. Mobile phones provided to management staff for work purposes. Assets are only replaced once written off or faulty.</p> <p>Establishing the purchase and ongoing cost of providing these items, and a breakdown of staff and their classification, is an unreasonable diversion of Land Council resources.</p>		
Central Land Council				
<i>Equipment</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Purchase cost</i>	<i>Ongoing cost</i>	
iPad3	1	-	\$40 per month	
iPhone 5	2	\$1,440	\$240 per month	
iPhone 5S	17	\$13,345	\$1190 per month	
Mobile phones	15	Not available	\$1,000 per month	
USB 4G	3	\$700	\$160 per month	
Wi-Fi 4G	1	-	\$40 per month	
Laptops	78	Currently not available	Currently not available	

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Indigenous Business Australia		Dependent on the role and business need, a number of staff are provided with a laptop, iPhone and USB to assist in the provision of service delivery and support services. To provide a further level of detail requested would involve an unreasonable diversion of limited agency resources.	
Indigenous Land Corporation			
<i>Electronic Equipment</i>	<i>Purchase Cost (Average)</i>	<i>Ongoing Cost (Average)</i>	<i>Staff Classification*</i>
Broadband USB device	\$250	\$228pa	Senior Executive Employee, Executive Level 2, Executive Level 1, ILC 3
Mobile Phone	\$360	\$240pa	Senior Executive Employee, Executive Level 2, Executive Level 1, ILC 3
Notebook	\$2,710	-	Senior Executive Employee, Executive Level 2, Executive Level 1, ILC 3
Tablet	\$834	\$420pa	Senior Executive Employee, Executive Level 2, Executive Level 1
*Please note not all staff at the classification levels listed are issued with all electronic equipment listed. Electronic equipment is issued in accordance with operational requirements.			
Northern Land Council		Information not provided in the timeframe requested	
Outback Stores Pty Ltd		Yes. To provide a purchase cost, the ongoing cost, and breakdown of which staff and staff classification receives each item would take a significant amount of time to prepare.	
		Item	Approx. Numbers
		Laptops	25
		Mobile (HTC or iPhone)	20
		iPad or Samsung tablet	3
	Thumb drive	25	
Tiwi Land Council		Not applicable.	

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Torres Strait Regional Authority	
Yes as follows: iPad x 68 (TSRA Board Members, CEO, EL2 staff, EL1 staff based on business requirements, meeting support, Indigenous Ranger data collection) cost for new to service \$849 ongoing monthly data plan \$39.95 Laptop x 75 (Allocated based on business requirements) cost for new to service \$1512, no ongoing Wireless Card x 22 (3G/4G devices allocated based on business requirements) cost for new to service \$99, ongoing monthly data plan \$39.95 Vasco Token x 0 Blackberry x0 Mobile Phones: iPhone x 59 (TSRA Portfolio Members, CEO, EL2 staff, EL1 staff, other based on business requirements), cost for new to service \$869, ongoing monthly plan \$0-\$150 Mobiles (non-smart) x 49, cost for new to service \$192, ongoing monthly plan \$0-\$150 Thumb Drives: x100 approx (to meet functional requirements. Cost for new to service \$10, no ongoing.	
Wreck Bay Aboriginal Community Council	Mobile phones (x4). Plan of \$80.00 per month per phone on-going costs. Work Gang, outdoor gang use phones. Ipad (x1). For CEO. Purchase costs: \$660.00 plus \$180.00 yearly payment for internet access with Telstra.