

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
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Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

**Department/Agency:** Australian Public Service Commission

**Outcome/Program:** Cross Portfolio

**Topic:** Computers

**Senator:** Ludwig

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**Question:**

1. 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. Not applicable.
2. As at the end of May 2014, the APSC had the following numbers of desktop computer assets available for agency staff:

<b>Location</b>	<b>Number</b>
Canberra Office	256
Sydney Office	14
Brisbane Office	10
Melbourne Office	8
Perth Office	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>289</b>
<b>Purchase Value</b>	<b>\$292,750</b>

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The APSC had the following numbers of notebook computer assets available to staff:

<b>Location</b>	<b>Number</b>
Canberra Office	49
Sydney Office	2
Brisbane Office	1
Melbourne Office	1
Perth Office	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>54</b>
<b>Purchase Value</b>	<b>\$77,400</b>

The APSC owns 3 server computers. These are located in Canberra. The purchase cost of these servers was \$49,107. These servers are fully depreciated and scheduled for retirement within 6 months.

3. The APSC uses Microsoft Windows 7 64 bit edition on all desktop and notebook computers. The licences for these computers are sourced through the Department of Finance Whole of Government Microsoft Volume Sourcing Agreement II (VSA II) as Core Desktop Licences (CDL). The cost to the Commission for Core Desktop Licensing in 2013/14 was \$57,740.

The Commission uses Microsoft Windows Server 2008 on its servers. The licences for these computers were sourced through the Department of Finance Whole of Government Microsoft Volume Sourcing Agreement I (VSA I) but were not renewed when the Commonwealth moved to VSA II. The Commission has a continuing right to use the licences from the VSA I contract but they incur no ongoing cost.

Costs provided in this response are ex-GST.