

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
BUDGET ESTIMATES 2014-2015

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

Department/Agency: Office of the Commonwealth Ombudsman

Outcome/Program:

Outcome 1. Fair and accountable administrative action by Australian Government agencies by investigating complaints, reviewing administrative action and inspecting statutory compliance by law enforcement agencies.

Topic: Computers

Senator: Senator Ludwig

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Type of question: Written

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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 department's computers, the contractual arrangements for operating software and the on-going costs.

Answer:

- (1) The Office does not administer arrangements for Ministers/Parliamentary Secretaries and therefore has not provided any computers for them.
- (2) The Office owns 188 computers and 52 laptops. The breakdown by Office location is:

Office	Laptop	Computer
Canberra	46	133
Sydney	2	14
Brisbane	1	13

Office	Laptop	Computer
Adelaide	1	8
Perth	1	4
Melbourne	1	16
Total	52	188

The total cost of 52 laptops based on the original purchase price is \$38,589.20. The total cost of 188 computers based on the original purchase cost is \$171,391.40.

- (3) The Office's computers utilise Microsoft Windows operating system. The licenses are provided via the Department of Finance Microsoft Volume Sourcing Arrangement (VSA) Core Desktop Licensing (CDL). The annual expense to the Office is \$20,275.78 (excluding GST) which is based on a per user, not per device licensing model.