

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

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Senator: Senator the Hon Joe Ludwig

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Question:

1. Please detail how much electrical equipment, phones and computers the department/agency has in storage or unallocated to staff
2. Please detail the purchase, storage and ongoing costs associated with equipment, phones and computers in storage or unallocated.

Answer:

1. The department has 78 spare phones, 27 spare laptops and 112 spare desktop computers. The Department does not hold centrally a record of all other electrical equipment that would enable this question to be answered more fully. Given the very large number of electrical items held by the Department either in storage or unallocated to staff (e.g. printers, multi-function devices, phones, other IT hardware) it would involve an unreasonable diversion of departmental resources to create such a list.
2. There are no storage costs or other ongoing costs incurred for spare equipment as they are stored on premise. To determine the purchase and ongoing costs for unallocated equipment, phones and computers would involve an unreasonable diversion of departmental resources.