

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES 2013-2014

Finance Portfolio

Question reference number: F96

Senator: Ludwig

Topic: Provision of equipment

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?
2. For departments/agencies that provide electronic equipment to Ministers and/or Parliamentary Secretaries and/or their offices, what are the ongoing costs from 7 September 2013 to date?
3. 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 details of what is provided, the purchase cost, the ongoing cost and a breakdown of what staff and staff classification receives it.
4. Does the department/agency provide their Ministers and/or Parliamentary Secretaries and/or their offices with any electronic equipment? If yes, provide details of what is provided, the cost and to who it is provided.

Answer:

Department / Agency	Response
Finance	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Ministers and their staff have smart phones (e.g. BlackBerry, iPhone). The current cost of a BlackBerry handset is \$666.00 per unit. The cost of an iPhone is \$1,008.00 per unit. 2. Refer to <u>Attachment A</u>. 3. Refer to <u>Attachment B</u>. 4. Refer to <u>Attachment C</u>.
AEC	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. N/A. 2. N/A. 3. Yes. Agency staff ranging in classification from APS Level 1 to Senior Executive Service (SES) are provided with a PC located in their AEC office. In addition, staff at the Executive Level 2 (EL2) and SES level classifications are provided with a mobile device, being a mobile phone or BlackBerry.

Staff at the SES and EL2 classification may also be provided with an iPad/iPhone or laptop and printer for use outside AEC offices.

Mobile phones, broadband modems, and tokens may be provided to staff below EL2 having regard to the duties of their position.

The following table provides costs associated with the provision of equipment during the period 1 July – 31 October 2013.

Equipment	Non Election	Election	Combined
PCs (hardware and software)	\$302,921.02	\$76,754.92	\$379,675.94
Mobile phones	\$26,753.47	\$6,680.97	\$33,434.44
Mobile broadband (including BlackBerry, iPad/smartphones)	\$33,444.00	\$134,723.93	\$168,167.93

4. No.

ComSuper

1. N/A.
2. N/A.
3. Yes. ComSuper provides some staff access to electronic devices for work purposes. The following table shows the number of devices on issue to staff by level of the holder as at 5 December 2013:

APS Classification	Purchase Cost (GST exclusive)									
	Apple iPad		Apple iPhone		Samsung Galaxy		ACER Laptop		Toshiba Laptop	
	Qty	Cost	Qty	Cost	Qty	Cost	Qty	Cost	Qty	Cost
APS 3							2	\$ 2,344		
APS 4							3	\$ 3,516		
APS 5			1	\$ 930			3	\$ 3,516	1	\$ 1,595
APS 6	2	\$ 1,728					11	\$ 12,892	1	\$ 1,595
EL 1	12	\$ 10,368	3	\$ 2,790	1	\$ 691	27	\$ 31,644	3	\$ 4,785
EL 2	25	\$ 21,600	9	\$ 8,370	2	\$ 1,382	8	\$ 9,376		
SESB1	7	\$ 6,048	7	\$ 6,510			1	\$ 1,172		
CEO	1	\$ 864	1	\$ 930						
Total	47	\$ 40,608	21	\$ 19,530	3	\$ 2,073	55	\$ 64,460	5	\$ 7,975

The monthly ongoing cost for each device is approximately \$22.

4. No

Commonwealth Superannuation Corporation

1. N/A
2. N/A
3. Yes. See Attachment A
4. No

Attachment A

FYTD as at 31 October 2013		
Electronic equipment	Purchase cost	Ongoing cost
Senior Executives		
Mobile telephone		\$6,025
iPad		\$1,156
Wireless internet card		\$6,458
Other Staff		
Mobile telephone		\$22,749
iPad		\$2,019
Wireless internet card		\$3,910
Laptop	\$820	
All Staff		
	Total	\$820
		\$42,317

Future Fund Management Agency

5. N/A.
6. N/A.
7. Yes.

Equipment	Purchase cost	Ongoing cost	Staff classification	Number issued to staff
iPhones	\$75,319	\$34 per device per month	Available to all staff at FFMA1 to FFMA7 subject to identified need.	92
Laptops	\$68,331	Nil	Available to all staff at FFMA1 to FFMA7 subject to identified need.	26
iPads	\$9,951	\$86 per unit per month	Available to all staff at FFMA1 to FFMA7 subject to identified need.	14

8. No.

Attachment A

Minister for Finance and office

	Costs:
	\$
Equipment Leasing Costs	6,079.00
Telecommunication Costs	1,232.20
Total Ongoing cost from 7 September to 31 October 2013	7,311.20

Special Minister of State and office

	Costs:
	\$
Equipment Leasing Costs	2,122.00
Telecommunication Costs	479.60
Total Ongoing cost from 7 September to 31 October 2013	2,601.60

Parliamentary Secretary and office

	Costs:
	\$
Equipment Leasing Costs	1,326.00
Telecommunication Costs	119.90
Total Ongoing cost from 7 September to 31 October 2013	1,445.90

* Equipment Leasing - (Desktop & Laptop collective lease costs)

* Telecommunication Costs - (Data costs for BB, iPad, internet connection)

Electronic Equipment Provided to Departmental Staff

	Purchase Cost \$	Monthly Ongoing Cost (lease payments or usage charges) \$	Provided to these staff categories (subject to business requirement approval)*
Standard Desk Setup			
Desktop PC Bundle (includes Monitor, Keyboard and Mouse)	N/A	199.00	All Staff
Laptop PC Bundle (includes Monitor, Keyboard and Mouse)	N/A	221.00	All Staff
Peripherals			
DVD Burner (External)	160.00	N/A	All Staff
Laptop Lock	50.00	N/A	All Staff
Keyboard (non-standard)	27.00	N/A	All Staff
Monitor (non-standard)	180.00	N/A	All Staff
Optical Mouse (non-standard)	15.00	N/A	All Staff
USB Thumbdrive	13.00	N/A	All Staff
Vasco Tokens (for Remote Access)	126.00	N/A	All Staff
Smart Label Printer	264.00	N/A	All Staff
Wireless Data Card	260.00	(Data) 39.95	All Staff
Telecommunication Devices			
iPad (64GB)	1,131.29	(Data) 49.00	Senior Executive Staff (SES 1-3) and Secretary
iPhone 5 (32GB)	1,008.00	(Data) 44.95	Senior Executive Staff (SES 1-3) and Secretary
BlackBerry - Bold 9900	666.00	(Data) 39.95	Directors (EL2) and Senior Executive Staff (SES 1-3)
Mobile Phone (Nokia C2-01)	123.00	N/A	Directors (EL2) and Senior Executive Staff (SES 1-3)

Points of Note:

* All Staff includes the following classifications: APS Levels 1-6, Executive Level 1 & 2 and Senior Executive Staff Bands 1-3 (Excluding COMCAR Drivers).

Attachment C

Departmental Assets Issued to Ministers & Ministerial Staff

	Purchase Cost \$	Monthly Ongoing Cost (lease payments or usage charges) \$	Provided to these staff categories (subject to business requirement approval)*
Standard Desk Setup			
Desktop PC Bundle (includes Monitor, Keyboard and Mouse)	N/A	199.00	Ministers & Ministerial Staff
Laptop PC Bundle (includes Monitor, Keyboard and Mouse)	N/A	221.00	Ministers & Ministerial Staff
Peripherals			
Keyboard (non-standard)	27.00	N/A	Ministers & Ministerial Staff
Monitor (non-standard)	180.00	N/A	Ministers & Ministerial Staff
Optical Mouse (non-standard)	15.00	N/A	Ministers & Ministerial Staff
USB Thumbdrive	13.00	N/A	Ministers & Ministerial Staff
Vasco Tokens (for Remote Access)	126.00	N/A	Ministers & Ministerial Staff
Smart Label Printer	264.00	N/A	Ministerial Staff
Wireless Data Card	260.00	(Data) 39.95	Ministers & Ministerial Staff
Telecommunication Devices			
iPhone 5 (32GB)	1,008.00	(Data) 44.98	Ministers & Ministerial Staff
iPad (64GB)	1,131.29	(Data) 49.00	Ministers & Ministerial Staff
BlackBerry - Bold 9900	666.00	(Data) 64.94	Ministers & Ministerial Staff