

**Senate Standing Committee on Finance and Public Administration**

**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**Department of the Senate**

**Supplementary Budget Estimates**

**18 – 21 November 2013**

**Question: 33**

**Topic: Provision of equipment**

**Written: 26 November 2013**

**Senator LUDWIG asked:**

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:
  - a) what is provided;
  - b) the purchase cost;
  - c) the ongoing cost; and
  - d) 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:
  - a) what is provided;
  - b) the cost; and
  - c) to whom it is provided.

**Answer**

The department does not provide mobile phones or other electronic equipment to Ministers, Parliamentary Secretaries, or departmental staff.

From 1 July 2013, responsibility for information communications technology for the department and Senators transferred to the Department of Parliamentary Services.