

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES 2015-16

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Senator: Wong

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Question:

1. What options for mobile phones are available for:
 - a) The Minister;
 - b) The Minister's office;
 - c) Senior Executive Service staff;
 - d) Executive Level staff; and
 - e) APS level staff.
2. What network provider does Finance use for its mobile phones?
3. Is there a publicly available plan used for these mobile phones or is there a particular rate available to Finance? Can the Department provide details of the plan used?
4. When did this plan arrangement first get implemented?

Answer:

1. a) – e). iPhone.
2. Telstra.
3. Finance utilises various plan options available via the Whole-of-Government Telecommunication Commodities, Carriage and Associated Services Panel 2011 (the Panel), depending on user requirements. The common plan that Finance utilises from the Panel is a \$54 per month plan, which includes allowances for both voice and data.
4. The Telecommunication Commodities, Carriage and Associated Services Panel was established in January 2011.