

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS  
ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT

**Group 1**

**Program Corporate**

**Question No. 225**

**Senator Ludwig asked the following question at the hearing on 24 February 2014:**

1) Other than phones, ipads or computers – please list the electronic equipment provided to the Minister's office since 7 September 2013.

i. List the items

ii. List the items location or normal location

iii. List if the item is in the possession of the office or an individual staff member of minister, if with an individual list their employment classification level

iv. List the total cost of the items

v. List an itemised cost breakdown of these items

vi. List the date they were provided to the office

vii. Note if the items were requested by the office or proactively provided by the department.

**The answer to the honourable senator's question is as follows:**

1) Other than iPhones, iPads and computers, the Attorney-General's Department provides various electronic equipment to the Ministerial Offices. The equipment provided depends on a number of factors including availability of equipment and the business requirements of the user.

i. The Attorney-General's Department provides the following electronic equipment to Ministerial offices, as required, to assist them with carrying out their duties:

- Printers/multi-function devices
- Internet protocol (IP) phones
- Desktop scanners
- Citrix remote access tokens
- Wireless internet dongles
- Bluetooth headsets
- Bluetooth car kits
- USB storage devices
- Digital voice recorders
- Digital cameras
- Shredders
- Televisions
- KCM switches
- Transcription equipment
- Portable stereo

ii. Equipment provided to Ministerial offices varies by location depending on the business requirement. Equipment is distributed between the designated Parliament House suites, Commonwealth Parliamentary Offices and other offices within Australia.

- iii. It would be an unreasonable diversion of resources to provide details of equipment provided to Ministerial offices and the classification of staff for each item provided.
- iv. It would be an unreasonable diversion of resources to provide the total cost of items.
- v. It would be an unreasonable diversion of resources to provide an itemised cost breakdown of these items.
- vi. It would be an unreasonable diversion of resources to provide the date each individual item provided to Ministerial offices.
- vii. The Attorney-General's Department proactively provides equipment to Ministerial offices, with additional items provided to Ministers and staff as necessary based on specific requests and business requirements.