

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

Corporate

Question No. 216

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

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?

i) Itemise equipment and cost broken down by staff or minister classification

2) 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 a list of what is provided across the department of agency, the purchase cost, the ongoing cost and a breakdown of what staff and staff classification receives each item.

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

1) The Attorney-General's Department provides various mobile phone devices to ministers and their staff as required. The type of device provided is dependent on a number of factors including availability at the time of purchase and the business requirements of the user.

i) It would be an unreasonable diversion of resources to calculate the purchase and ongoing costs for each item broken down by staff or minister classification.

2) The Attorney-General's Department provides the following electronic equipment to departmental staff as required to assist them with carrying out their duties:

- Desktop PCs and Laptops
- Printers/multi-function devices
- Citrix remote access tokens
- Wireless internet dongles
- Mobile phone devices (eg iPhone; BlackBerry etc)
- iPads
- Bluetooth headsets
- Bluetooth car kits
- USB storage devices
- Digital voice recorders
- Digital cameras

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