

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

Group: Written

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Question: BE14/113

Senator Ludwig asked the following question at the hearing on 26-29 May 2014:

1. Other than phones, ipads or computers – please list the electronic equipment provided to the Minister's office since Additional Estimates in February, 2014.
 - a. List the items
 - b. List the items location or normal location
 - c. 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
 - d. List the total cost of the items
 - e. List an itemised cost breakdown of these items
 - f. List the date they were provided to the office
 - g. 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) a. Other than iPhones, iPads and computers, the Attorney-General's Department provides the following electronic equipment to ministerial offices, as required, to assist them in undertaking 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, and
 - portable stereos
- b. Equipment is provided in designated Parliament House suites, Commonwealth Parliamentary Offices and other offices within Australia depending on business requirements.
- c. It would be an unreasonable diversion of resources to detail for each item of equipment whether it is provided to a ministerial office or individual staff member and the classification of each individual staff member.

- d. Expenditure in the department's financial management system is recorded in such a way that to extract the relevant information would require an unreasonable diversion of departmental resources.
- e. Expenditure in the department's financial management system is recorded in such a way that to extract the relevant information would require an unreasonable diversion of departmental resources.
- f. It would require an unreasonable diversion of departmental resources to provide the date each individual item was provided to ministerial offices.
- g. The Attorney-General's Department proactively provides a range of equipment to ministerial offices and also provides items at the request of the offices to meet their business requirements.