

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

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Question No. SBE14/076

Senator Ludwig asked the following written question from the 20 November and 11 December 2014 hearings.

Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014:

1. Other than phones, iPads or computers – please list the electronic equipment provided to the Minister's office.
 - 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:

1a: 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:

- Bluetooth headsets
- business card scanners
- Citrix remote access tokens
- desktop scanners
- digital cameras
- digital voice recorders
- internet protocol (IP) phones
- KVM switches
- portable stereos
- printers/multi-function devices
- shredders
- televisions
- transcription equipment
- USB storage devices, and
- wireless internet dongles

- 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 requirements.