

Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee

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Agriculture

Question: 277

Division/Agency: Information Services Division

Topic: Provision of equipment

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Senator LUDWIG asked:

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.
2. For departments/agencies that provide electronic equipment to Ministers and/or Parliamentary Secretaries and/or their offices, what are the ongoing costs from 7 September 2013 to date?
3. 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 details of what is provided, the purchase cost, the ongoing cost and a breakdown of what staff and staff classification receives it.
4. Does the department/agency provide their Ministers and/or Parliamentary Secretaries and/or their offices with any electronic equipment? If yes, provide details of what is provided, the cost and to who it is provided.

Answer:

1. Since the commencement of the current government to 29 November 2013 fifteen iPhones have been provided to the Minister and Parliamentary Secretary and their offices. Table 1 provides a breakdown of costs.
2. There were no ongoing electronic equipment costs reported in the period 7 September 2013 to 31 October 2013 for the Minister and Parliamentary Secretary and their offices. During this short period of time invoices had not been received or processed through the financial system.

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Table 1 – Summary of electronic equipment costs

Electronic Equipment	Purchase Cost \$	Ongoing cost (per month) \$
Blackberry	\$442.00 - \$678.00	Voice Plan \$0 - \$5.00 [plus Call Costs]
		Blackberry Plans \$29.95 - \$39.95 [plus Usage Costs]
		Software Licence \$100.00 per device
iPhone	\$529.00 - \$999.00	Voice Plan \$0 - \$5.00 [plus Call Costs]
		Data Plan \$24.95 - \$29.00 [plus Usage Costs]
		Software Licence \$50.00 per device
Mobile Phone	\$109.00 - \$329.00	Voice Plan \$0 - \$5.00 [plus Call Costs]
Mobile Phone - Satellite	\$1193.00 - \$2783.00	Voice Plan \$30 [plus Call Costs]
Data Card	\$152.00	Data Plan \$39.00 1 GB - \$99.00 12 GB
RSA Token	\$170.56	N/A
VPN Token	\$60.00 - \$93.50	N/A
Laptop	N/A	\$190.21
iPad	\$920.43	Data Plan \$49.95 4Gb
Thumb Drive (2Gb - 16Gb)	\$79.00 - \$264.00	N/A

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3. Tables 2 and 3 summarise the electronic equipment provided to department/agency staff by classification and division.

Table 2– Summary of equipment provided, by classification

DEPARTMENTAL STAFF ONLY (INCLUDES MINISTERS OFFICE) as at 31 October 2013							
Product	Blackberry	iPhone	Mobile	IPAD	Data Card	RSA Tokens	Laptops
Classification							
Secretary	-	1	-	1	-	2	-
Senior Executive Service Band 3	-	3	1	4	1	6	-
Senior Executive Service Band 2	-	17	12	26	14	30	8
Senior Executive Service Band 1	-	55	9	50	34	51	29
APS Executive Level 2	117	104	93	109	129	240	137
APS Executive Level 1	77	96	105	68	136	248	128
APS Level 6	42	71	130	32	101	240	119
APS Level 5	39	54	181	36	114	352	116
APS Level 4	28	46	206	26	113	229	76
APS Level 3	19	15	123	6	36	71	35
APS level 2	5	2	14	5	19	60	1
APS Level 1	-	1	-	1	2	3	-
Contractors	5	4	12	5	3	13	-
Unallocated*	75	94	419	63	199	112	174
Sub-total	407	563	1305	432	901	1657	823

*Unallocated refers to ICT equipment not issued to individual staff (e.g. pool equipment), equipment waiting to be deployed or decommissioned.

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Table 3 – Summary of equipment provided, by division

DEPARTMENTAL STAFF ONLY (INCLUDES MINISTERS OFFICE) as at 31 October 2013							
Product	Blackberry	iPhone	Mobile	IPAD	Data Card	RSA Tokens	Laptops
Division							
ABARES	6	3	24	6	20	18	123
Agricultural Adapt & Forestry	4	7	-	3	2	4	10
Agricultural Productivity	26	21	43	20	31	75	10
BSG	184	287	632	185	447	959	127
Border Compliance	-	-	-	-	-	-	265
Executive	2	7	2	5	2	13	-
Finance & Business Support	23	42	63	26	67	122	44
Food	-	-	-	-	-	-	57
Governance	8	10	2	12	11	25	23
Information Services	10	22	5	23	33	39	66
Live Animal Exports	-	-	-	-	15	-	12
People & Service Delivery	4	5	14	18	-	24	41
Post Entry Quarantine	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Sustainable Resource Mngt	40	46	64	43	47	129	15
Trade & Market Access	31	15	37	28	27	78	20
Unallocated*	69	98	419	63	199	171	4
Sub-total	407	563	1305	432	901	1657	823

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4. Since the commencement of the current government to 29 November 2013 ten iPads, four laptops and three wireless data cards have been provided to the Minister and Parliamentary Secretary and their offices. A breakdown of items is listed below.

Office	Staff	Type of equipment	Upfront cost
Office of the Minister for Agriculture	Minister	iPad	\$920.43
	Chief of Staff	iPad	\$920.43
	A/g Media Advisor	iPad	\$920.43
		Laptop	N/A – monthly charges
		Wireless Data Card	\$152.00
	Assistant Media Advisor	iPad	\$920.43
	Senior Advisor	iPad	\$920.43
	2 x Advisors	2 x iPads	\$1,840.86
	A/g Advisor	Laptop	N/A – monthly charges
		Wireless Data Card	\$152.00
A/g Receptionist	iPad	\$920.43	
Office of the Parliamentary Secretary for Agriculture	Parliamentary Secretary	iPad	\$920.43
	Parliamentary Secretary	2 x Laptops	N/A – monthly charges
	Parliamentary Secretary	Wireless Data Card	\$152.00
	A/g Advisor	iPad	\$920.43