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Answers to questions on notice  
**Environment portfolio**

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**Senator Ludwig Joe asked:**

List the current inventory of computers owned, leased, stored, or able to be accessed by the department, listing the equipment cost and location  
Please detail the operating systems used by the departments computers, the contractual arrangements for operating software and the on-going costs

**Answer:**

The Department has an extensive range of computer equipment delivered primarily through an outsourced service provider arrangement. The major computing devices used within the department are:

- 823 Desktop PCs
- 294 Laptops
- 2375 Thin clients
- 169 Servers

To answer this question in greater detail would require a significant diversion of resources and time.

The primary operating systems used within the Department are:

- Microsoft Windows 7;
- Microsoft Windows 2008 R2;
- Microsoft Windows 2012 R2; and
- Red Hat Enterprise Linux (RHEL).

The contractual arrangements and ongoing costs for Microsoft operating system software is in accordance with the Department of Finance Whole of Government Volume Sourcing Arrangement (VSA) II.

The Departments' ICT Outsourced Service Provider, Datacom, is responsible for the RHEL contractual arrangements. 12 physical server licenses (unlimited virtual server licenses on each server) of RHEL exist at a yearly cost of \$42,906.96 (\$3,575.58 per license).