

**Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment - Education**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE  
Additional Estimates 2013-2014**

**Cross Portfolio**

**Department of Education Question No. ED0349\_14**

**Senator Ludwig provided in writing.**

**Question**

***Dept/Ag - Provision of equipment - ministerial***

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? a. 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 or agency, the purchase cost, the ongoing cost and a breakdown of what staff and staff classification receives each item.

**Answer**

**DEPARTMENT**

1. The Department of Education provides IT equipment in line with the DOF Ministerial Entitlements Handbook.
  - a. The Department of Education has issued 22 iPhones and 3 Blackberry phones to Ministers and Parliamentary Secretary and their staff at a cost of approximately \$1000 per mobile phone handset. Monthly voice and data charges are capped at \$80 per service per month.
2. The department's staff are provided with necessary electronic equipment to perform their roles, including mobile communication and audio visual recording equipment if needed.

Following the abolition of the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations (DEEWR) the division of assets, including electronic equipment, between the Department of Education and the Departments of Employment, Social Services and Prime Minister and Cabinet, is still being finalized and therefore a detailed response cannot be provided.

**AGENCY**

**Australian Institute for Teaching and School Leadership**

1. Not Applicable.
2. Refer to question on notice ED0351\_14 for details.

**Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies**

1. Not Applicable.
2. Refer to question on notice ED0351\_14 for details.

**Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority**

1. Not Applicable.
2. Refer to question on notice ED0351\_14 for details.

**Australian Research Council**

1. Not Applicable.
2. Refer to question on notice ED0351\_14 for details.

**Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency**

1. Not Applicable.
2. Refer to question on notice ED0351\_14 for details.