Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE ADDITIONAL BUDGET ESTIMATES 2011-2012

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

Department/Agency: Office of National Assessments

Outcome/Program: 1

Topic: Provision of Equipment

Senator: Ryan

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Question:

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.

What equipment is provided to department/agency staff? Please list what the equipment is, the cost, the classification of the staff receiving the equipment and the reason why.

Answer:

No equipment is provided by ONA to Ministers or Parliamentary Secretaries.

Laptops are issued to 7 IT staff from APS6 to EL2 level for education, development and testing purposes. These laptops were originally purchased in June 2010 for \$2,100-2,400 depending on requirements.

Laptops are also provided to ONA's Director-General and Assistant Director-General, Corporate Services and Information Technology, also purchased in June 2010 for approx. \$2,400 for use at home and while travelling. An additional laptop of similar age and value is also issued as required to the Director-General's Executive Officer for research and preparation of briefings for the Director-General.