

# **Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**

## **ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

Additional Estimates 24-28 February 2014

### **Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio**

**Department/Agency:** Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet

**Outcome/Program:** 1.1 Prime Minister and Cabinet

**Topic:** Electronic equipment

**Senator:** Senator the Hon Joe Ludwig

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**Question:**

1. Other than phones, ipads or computers – please list the electronic equipment provided to the Minister’s office since 7 September 2013.
  - 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

**Answer:**

Consistent with past support provided to ministers’ offices within the portfolio, the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (PM&C) has met costs for electronic equipment including smart label printers, televisions, desktop scanners, monitors, USB devices and ancillary equipment totalling \$11,642.98 (excluding GST) for the period September 2013 to 28 February 2014.

Electronic equipment costs are reported against the same general ledger item, therefore, costs are combined for this response. To attempt to separate these costs would involve an unreasonable diversion of departmental resources.

PM&C does not record the allocation of electronic equipment by staff classification. To attempt to provide this level of detail would involve an unreasonable diversion of departmental resources.