

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
BUDGET ESTIMATES (SUPPLEMENTARY HEARINGS) 2013-2014

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

Department/Agency: Office of the Commonwealth Ombudsman

Outcome/Program:

Outcome 1. Fair and accountable administrative action by Australian Government agencies by investigating complaints, reviewing administrative action and inspecting statutory compliance by law enforcement agencies.

Topic: Provision of Equipment – Ministerial

Senator: Senator Ludwig

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Question:

- (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 details of what is provided, the purchase cost, the ongoing cost and a breakdown of what staff and staff classification receives each item.

Answer:

- (1) The Office does not provide mobile phones to Ministers and/or Parliamentary Secretaries and/or their offices.

(2) The Office provides the following electronic equipment to staff:

Asset Type	Assignees	Purchase Price per Unit	Approx. Ongoing Monthly Cost Per Unit
3G Dongle	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deputy Ombudsman 	\$0	\$35
Laptop/5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deputy Ombudsman • Senior Assistant Ombudsman (SES1) • Directors (EL2) • Assistant Directors (EL1) • Senior Network Administrator (EL1) • Senior Investigation Officer (EL1) • Investigation Officer (APS 5-6) 	\$1,009	\$0
Blackberry	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ombudsman • Deputy Ombudsman • Senior Assistant Ombudsman (SES1) • Directors (EL2) • Senior Investigation Officer (EL1) 	\$743 - \$765	\$77
Mobile Phone	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Senior Network Administrator (EL1) • Assistant Directors (EL1) • Senior Investigation Officer (EL1) • Investigation Officer (APS 5-6) 	\$0	\$21
USB Drive	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deputy Ombudsman • Senior Assistant Ombudsman (SES1) • Directors (EL2) • Assistant Directors (EL1) • Senior Network Administrator (EL1) • Senior Investigation Officer (EL1) • Investigation Officer (APS 5-6) 	\$5	\$0
Digital Camera	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Senior Investigation Officer (EL1) 	\$318	\$0