

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**BUDGET ESTIMATES (ADDITIONAL 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:** Computers

**Senator:** Senator Ludwig

**Question reference number:** 173

**Type of question:** Written

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**Question:**

- (1) List the current inventory of computers owned, leased, stored, or able to be accessed by the Ministers office as provided by the department, listing the equipment cost and location and employment classification of the staff member that is allocated the equipment, or if the equipment is currently not being used.
- (2) List the current inventory of computers owned, leased, stored, or able to be accessed by the department, listing the equipment cost and location.
- (3) Please detail the operating systems used by the department's computers, the contractual arrangements for operating software and the on-going costs?

**Answer:**

- (1) The Office does not administer arrangements for Ministers/Parliamentary Secretaries and therefore has not provided any computers for them.
- (2) The Office owns 190 computers and 52 laptops. The breakdown by Office location is:

<b>Office</b>	<b>Laptop</b>	<b>Computer</b>
Canberra	46	135
Sydney	2	14
Brisbane	1	13

<b>Office</b>	<b>Laptop</b>	<b>Computer</b>
Adelaide	1	8
Perth	1	4
Melbourne	1	16
<b>Total</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>190</b>

The total cost of 52 laptops based on the original purchase price is \$38,589.20. The total cost of 190 computers based on the original purchase cost is \$171,391.40.

- (3) The Office's computers utilise Microsoft Windows operating system. The licenses are provided via the Department of Finance Microsoft Volume Sourcing Arrangement (VSA) Core Desktop Licensing (CDL). The annual expense to the Office is \$20,275.78 (excluding GST) which is based on a per user, not per device licensing model.