

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**

**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

Budget Estimates Hearing 21-24 May 2012

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

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

**Outcome/Program:** 1.1.3 Support Services for Government Operations

**Topic:** Provision of Equipment

**Senator:** Senator Ryan

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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.
2. For departments/agencies that provide electronic equipment to Ministers and/or Parliamentary Secretaries and/or their offices, what are the ongoing costs for this financial year to date? What were the running costs for 2009-10 and 2010-11?
3. 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 it.
4. Please update if there have been any changes since Additional Estimates 2011-12 (February 2012):  
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.

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**Answer:**

1. Blackberry – approximate unit cost \$605 (excluding GST)
2. Ongoing or running costs for electronic equipment provided for current and former Ministers and Parliamentary Secretaries supported by PM&C are as follows:

1 July 2011 to 31 May 2012 (excluding GST):

The Prime Minister and the Prime Minister's office	\$175,490
Mr Dreyfus and his office	\$13,552
Senator McLucas and her office	\$2,240
Senator Lundy and her office	\$11,497

1 July 2010 to 30 June 2011 (excluding GST):

The Prime Minister and the Prime Minister's office	\$281,752
Mr Dreyfus and his office	\$9,791
Senator Lundy and her office	\$8,862
Mr Byrne and his office	\$4,088
Senator Arbib and his office	\$1,045

1 July 2009 to 30 June 2010 (excluding GST):

The Prime Minister and the Prime Minister's office	\$232,539
Mr Byrne and his office	\$16,344
Senator Arbib and his office	\$3,848
Senator Faulkner and his office	\$3,715
Ms Maxine McKew and her office	\$1,958

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3. Yes. The type of equipment that is provided and unit cost is as follows:

<b>Equipment</b>	<b>Cost (excluding GST)</b>	<b>Allocation</b>
Blackberry	\$605	Issue is work requirement based
Laptop	\$1,200	Issue is work requirement based
Wireless Card - Laptop	\$227	Issue is work requirement based
RSA Token	\$165	Issue is work requirement based
iPad (with secure technology, software and licensing)	\$2,090	Issue is work requirement based

Total ongoing costs for electronic equipment (such as ipad, laptop, wireless card, RSA token, blackberry, mobile phone) for the Department (excluding GST) for the period 1 July to 31 May 2012 (Administered and Departmental) based on 'Mobile phones-pager rent/calls' account code: \$649,108.

Items such as thumb drives are purchased as stationery items, not electronic equipment, and are not included in the above total. Expenditure for thumb drives is not itemised separately.

4. Consistent with its role as the Minister's Portfolio Department responsible for meeting costs for computer equipment and additional equipment, the Department provides computer and other electronic equipment to the ministerial offices of the Prime Minister, the Cabinet Secretary and the Parliamentary Secretary to the Prime Minister.

The type of equipment that is provided and unit cost is as per the table above.

Expenditure on these items for the period 1 July 2011 to 31 May 2012 was (including GST):

The Prime Minister and the Prime Minister's office	\$15,497
Mr Dreyfus and his office	\$758
Senator McLucas and her office	\$3,767
Senator Lundy and her office	\$203