

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

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

**Department/Agency:** Office of the Commonwealth Ombudsman

**Outcome/Program:** Office of the Commonwealth Ombudsman

**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):
  - a. 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.

**Answer:**

1. Not applicable
2. Not applicable

3. Electronic equipment is provided to some Office staff on a business needs basis. There are no set outgoing costs other than phone and data services (i.e. call costs). The following tables summarise details of what is provided, the costs, and a breakdown of classification level of staff who have received the equipment.

Electronic Devices	Purchase Cost
USB Thumb Drives	\$ 450.00
Laptops	\$ 52,746.34
Wireless Cards	\$ -
Blackberry	\$ 15,290.00
Mobile Phones	\$ 8,800.00

*Note:*

- *The electronic devices were purchased over the last three financial years.*
- *17 laptops are loaned out permanently to staff, 34 are allocated for training and short term loans.*
- *Wireless cards are a product provided by a telecommunications provider.*

**Number of devices provided at each classification level as at 30 April 2012.**

Classification	BlackBerry	Mobile Phone	Laptop	Wireless Card
APS5		1		
APS6		1		
EL1	1	2	3	2
EL2	8	1	9	3
Senior Executive	4	2	4	
A/g Deputy Ombudsman	1		1	1
A/g Ombudsman	1			
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>6</b>

4. There have not been any changes since Additional Estimates 2011-12.