

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**BUDGET ESTIMATES 2012-2013**

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

**Department/Agency:** Australian Public Service Commission

**Outcome/Program:**

**Topic:** Provision of equipment

**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, the cost and what were the ongoing costs for 2011-12.
2. For departments/agencies that provide electronic equipment to Ministers and/or Parliamentary Secretaries and/or their offices, what type of electronic equipment was provided, the cost and what were the ongoing costs for 2011-12.
3. Is electronic equipment (such as ipad, laptop, wireless card, vasco token, blackberry, mobile phone (list type if relevant), thumb drive) was provided to department/agency staff for 2011 12, provide details of what was provided, the purchase cost, the ongoing cost and a breakdown of what staff and staff classification receives it..

**Answer:**

1. No mobile phones are provided to Ministers and/or Parliamentary Secretaries and/or their offices.
2. No electronic equipment is provided to Ministers and/or Parliamentary Secretaries and/or their offices.
3. For 2011/2012 the APSC had the following numbers of equipment and ongoing costs

<b>Item</b>	<b>Quantity</b>	<b>Indicative Purchase cost (excluding GST)</b>	<b>Ongoing cost 2011-12 total (excluding GST)</b>	<b>Classification of staff (issued as demonstrated by a business need )</b>
ipad	2	2,000	nil	Statutory Office Holders and SES staff
laptop	67	76,102	nil	Normally issued from a central pool - as required - APS 6 to SES level staff
Vasco Token	78	Included in Ongoing Cost	\$13,000	Normally EL2 to SES staff. Other staff where special business cost including Recruitment Advisors who work remotely.
Mobile broadband	19	4,500	\$14,656	Normally issued from a central pool - as required - APS 6 to SES level staff
Blackberry	30	24,000	\$38,384	EL2, SES level staff and two Statutory Office Holders
mobile phones	49	14,700	\$19,523	APS 5 to SES level staff
Thumb/USB drives	unknown treated as ICT consumables	unavailable	nil	As required - to all levels of staff