

Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Additional Estimates February 2013

Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry

Question: 183

Division/Agency: Information Services Division

Topic: Allocation of electronic equipment

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Senator COLBECK asked:

Now that the department has electronic records of the allocation of electronic equipment (advised in response to QON 160 October 2012) please provide details of staff classifications and divisions that have received electronic equipment (ipad, laptop, wireless card, vasco token, blackberry, iphone, mobile phone).

Answer:

Details of electronic equipment allocated to departmental staff by staff classifications and divisions are provided in Table 1 and Table 2 respectively.

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Table 1 – ICT equipment allocated by staff classifications

DAFF STAFF as at 31 December 2012							
Product	Blackberry	iPhone	Mobile	IPAD	Data Card	RSA Tokens	Laptops
Classification							
Secretary	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
Senior Executive Service Band 3	-	3	2	3	1	4	2
Senior Executive Service Band 2	6	13	5	20	6	15	29
Senior Executive Service Band 1	43	26	17	53	31	38	103
APS Executive Level 2	190	38	55	77	72	127	260
APS Executive Level 1	107	25	89	32	62	82	194
APS Level 6	49	13	138	8	55	108	165
APS Level 5	29	7	187	14	37	89	145
APS Level 4	34	3	251	4	54	139	107
APS Level 3	16	-	94	-	21	49	41
APS level 2	-	-	6	-	1	12	3
APS Level 1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Contractor	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Unallocated*	88	23	793	40	368	312	428
Sub-total	562	151	1637	252	708	976	1478
* Unallocated refers to ICT equipment not allocated to individual staff (e.g. pool equipment), equipment waiting to be deployed or decommissioned.							

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Table 2 – ICT equipment allocated by divisions

DAFF STAFF as at 31 December 2012							
Product	Blackberry	iPhone	Mobile	IPAD	Data Card	RSA Tokens	Laptops
Division							
ABARES	11	6	13	9	10	21	96
Agricultural Productivity	19	4	5	6	6	7	18
Biosecurity Group	313	78	787	123	259	523	689
Climate Change	23	3	-	5	4	8	16
Executive	-	4	1	4	1	3	4
Finance & Business Support	8	4	14	13	11	17	43
Governance	34	2	7	12	9	20	42
Information Services	14	18	5	15	12	25	50
People & Service Delivery	13	8	11	15	15	11	50
Sustainable Resource Mngt	16	2	2	3	14	14	22
Trade & Market Access	28	-	7	7	4	19	27
Unallocated*	83	23	785	40	363	308	421
Sub-total	562	152	1637	252	708	976	1478

* Unallocated refers to ICT equipment not allocated to individual staff (e.g. pool equipment), equipment waiting to be deployed or decommissioned.

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Question: 184

Division/Agency: Information Services Division

Topic: Internet Issues

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Senator HEFFERNAN asked:

Has the Department experienced any internet problems, such as but not limited to slow internet, or internet blackouts? If yes, what was the reason for this? Did it impact the Minister's office?

Answer:

For the period 1 November 2012 to 31 January 2013 the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry experienced internet problems such as but not limited to slow internet. There were a total of two incidents and both of these impacted the Ministers Office.

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Question: 185

Division/Agency: Information Services Division

Topic: Provision of Equipment

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Senator COLBECK asked:

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.

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?

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.

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. Thirteen (13) Blackberrys, 5 iPhones and 1 satellite phone have been provided to existing Ministers and/or Parliamentary Secretaries and/or their offices. Costs are per the table provided in response to question 3, noting that the satellite phone, provided in August 2008, cost \$1817.27.
2. The ongoing costs for the Minister and Parliamentary Secretary and their offices for the financial year to date as at 31 December 2012 was \$14 328.76.
3. The following table summarises the electronic equipment provided to department/agency staff and includes details of what was provided, the purchase cost and the ongoing cost.

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Table 1 – Summary of electronic equipment costs

Electronic equipment	Purchase Cost \$	Ongoing cost (per month) \$
Blackberry	\$442.00 - \$678.00	Voice Plan \$5.00 - \$5.50 [+ call costs] Blackberry Plan \$29.95 – \$39.00 [+ usage costs] Software Licence \$100.00 per device
iPhone	\$679.00 - \$999.00	Voice Plan \$5.00 - \$5.50 [+ call costs] Data Plan \$24.00 - \$29.00 [+ usage costs] Software Licence \$50.00 per device
Mobile phone	\$109.00 - \$329.00	\$5.00 - \$5.50 [+ call costs]
Mobile phone – Satellite	\$1817.27	\$30.00 [+ call costs]
Data card	\$217.00	\$39.00 – \$99.00 [1Gb - 12 Gb]
RSA Token	\$9.91	N/A
VPN Token	\$60.00 – \$93.50	N/A
Laptop		\$190.21
iPad	\$816.00 – \$895.00	Data Plan - 4GB \$49.00 [+ usage costs] Software Licence \$50.00 per device

4. The following officers in the offices of the Minister and Parliamentary Secretary have been provided with the following electronic equipment in the period May 2012 to 31 December 2012.

Table 3 – Electronic equipment provided to officers [May – December 2012]

Office	Staff	Type of equipment	Upfront cost
Office of the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry	Press Secretary	iPad	\$899.00
	Assistant Adviser – Media	iPad	\$899.00
	Executive Assistant	iPad	\$899.00
	Adviser	Laptop Blackberry	\$0 \$666.00
Office of the Parliamentary Secretary for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry	Parliamentary Secretary	iPhone	\$1008.00
	Adviser	iPhone	\$1008.00
	Media Adviser	iPhone	\$1008.00
	Personal Assistant	iPhone	\$1008.00