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Topic: Computers

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Senator Joe Ludwig asked:

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 departments computers, the contractual arrangements for operating software and the on-going costs

Answer:

1. As at 2 March 2016, the following computers are provided to the Minister's office:

Location	Equipment/Service/Accessory	Cost	Quantity
Minister Porter – Parliament House Office	Dell E7240 Laptop	\$1200.00	14
Minister Porter – Parliament House Office	Dell OptiPlex 9020	\$1095.00	13
Minister Porter – Commonwealth Parliamentary Office	Dell OptiPlex 9020	\$1095.00	6
Minister Porter – Electorate Office	Dell OptiPlex 9020	\$1095.00	1
Assistant Minister Laundry – Parliament House Office	Dell E7250 Laptop Bundles (includes docking station and monitor stand)	\$1596.00	5
Assistant Minister Prentice – Parliament House Office	Dell E7250 Laptop Bundles (includes docking station and monitor stand)	\$1596.00	5

2. As at 2 March 2016, the current inventory of computers owned, leased, stored, or able to be accessed by the department is 4805, comprising:

- National offices, Canberra – 3541 (currently still supplying computers for and supporting Aged Care staff recently moved back to the Department of Health via Machinery of Government changes)
- State offices, South Australia – 184
- State offices, Queensland – 232
- State offices, Tasmania – 76
- State offices, Victoria – 255
- State offices, New South Wales – 375
- State office, Northern Territory – 45
- State office, Western Australia – 97

The DSS fleet of computers is made up of 15 various types of Dell machines (PC's and laptops), as well as a small number of Microsoft Surface Pro's. Each of these types of computers has a differing purchase price.

IT assets have a depreciation period of three years. The majority of the DSS fleet of computers is over four years old and as such fully depreciated. Of the remaining assets, the majority of these are partway depreciated.

3. The Department's computers run the operating systems Microsoft Windows 7 Enterprise or Microsoft Windows 8.1 Enterprise. These operating system contractual arrangements are under the Whole of Government VSA II Core Desktop Licence (CDL) which is operated by the Department on Finance.