

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**

**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**HEALTH PORTFOLIO**

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**OUTCOME:** 0 - Whole of Portfolio

**Topic:** Mobile Devices

**Type of Question:** Written Question on Notice

**Senator:** Bilyk, Catryna

**Question:**

- a) How many mobile telephones are currently on issue to departmental to staff?  
Can an itemised list showing make and model please be provided?
- b) How many new mobile phones were purchased by the Department in calendar year 2016?
- c) What was the total cost (GST inclusive) of purchasing mobile telephones for departmental staff in calendar year 2016?
- d) How many mobile telephones had to be replaced due to damage in calendar year 2016?  
What was the cost of replacement (GST inclusive)?
- e) How many mobile telephones were reported lost or stolen in calendar year 2016? What was the cost of replacement (GST inclusive)?
- f) How many ipads/tablets are currently on issue to departmental staff?  
Can an itemised list showing make and model please be provided?
- g) How many new ipads/tablets were purchased by the Department in calendar year 2016?
- h) What was the total cost (GST inclusive) of purchasing ipads/tablets for departmental staff in calendar year 2016?
- i) How many ipads/tablets had to be replaced due to damage in calendar year 2016? What was the cost of replacement (GST inclusive)?
- j) How many ipads/tablets were reported lost or stolen in calendar year 2016? What was the cost of replacement (GST inclusive)?

**Answer:**

- a) to e)  
The Department of Health has a ‘Bring Your Own Device’ (BYOD) policy, under this policy Senior Executive staff are entitled to reimbursement of funds following purchase of mobile phones. The purchase of mobile phones for non SES staff is the responsibility of the Department’s service provider. The Department uses a single data pool for all telecommunications consumption, regardless of staffing profile or whether the device is BYOD or Department issued.
- f) 29 iPads. iPad models issued to staff are iPad Air, iPad Air 2, iPad mini 4 and iPad pro
- g) The purchase of iPads/tablets is the responsibility of Health’s service provider.
- h) Purchasing iPads/Tablets is managed within the service provider arrangement. No additional cost was incurred.
- i) Nil.
- j) 2 iPads (\$483.37 each).