

Senate Standing Committee on Community Affairs

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Human Services Portfolio

Topic: BasicsCard Equipment

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Question:

- a) What is the cost of installing and maintaining equipment in local commercial centres to enable trial participants to use their Basics Card?
- b) To which stores will this equipment be made available and is this done via an open/competitive process or via invitation?

Answer:

- a) Installation and maintenance costs, including leasing costs, average approximately \$10,000 per annum per kiosk.
- b) Locations were chosen based on customer demand and security of space. Potential locations were then approached to determine commercial availability.