

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**

**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

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**Question:**

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:**

Yes. iPads, laptops, mobile broadband devices, blackberrys, mobile phones and thumb drives are available to some staff.

Details of what is provided, the purchase cost, the ongoing cost and a breakdown of what staff and staff classification receives it.

iPads – As at 30 June 2012 the Department of Health and Ageing had 19 iPads deployed.

- The Department paid approximately \$18,097 for these iPads.
- A mobile internet data plan is provided with each iPad that attracts a monthly charge of \$39 (\$468 annually).
- Senior Departmental executive are provided with iPads.

Blackberry – As at 30 June 2012 the department had 387 active Blackberry devices.

- The current Departmental standard Blackberry Handset is the Blackberry 9900 from Optus. The handset cost is \$566 inclusive of GST.
- A monthly Blackberry data plan is provided with each Blackberry device that attracts a monthly charge of \$30. Actual phone call charges are in addition to this.
- Departmental policy allows provision of Blackberrys to all SES staff and more broadly to Departmental staff where a business justification is provided.

Mobile phones - As at 31 October 2012 the department had 668 mobile phone accounts.

- The standard Departmental approved handset is the Nokia C5 from Optus. The handset cost is \$236 inclusive of GST.
  - There is no monthly plan cost. Actual phone call charges are billed against each mobile account.
  - Mobile phones are available to Departmental staff where a business justification exists.
- Mobile Broadband Devices

- The Optus E180 is the standard device approved by the Department. The device cost is \$159 inclusive of GST.
- The Department pays \$1000 a month for a mobile data pool shared between all devices.
- Broadband devices are available to staff for use with Departmental laptops where connectivity to the department network is required from remote locations.

#### Laptops

- The Department was in the process of refreshing its desktop and laptop environment in 2011/12. The refresh planned to reduce the Department's reliance on laptops and take the total number deployed from 802 to 420.
- The Department pays a monthly support charge of \$81 per laptop.
- For the refresh the Department procured 420 laptops (including peripherals) at a cost of \$676,806 during the 2011/12 financial year.

#### Thumb drives

- No records are kept on the number of thumb drives within the Department as these are managed by each Divisional unit along with stationery and office supplies.