

Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES – 23-24 OCTOBER 2014 ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Department of Human Services

Topic: Provision of Equipment – Ministerial

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Senator: Ludwig

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Question:

- a) 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?
 - 1) Itemise equipment and cost broken down by staff or minister classification.
- b) Has electronic equipment (such as ipad, laptop, wireless card, vasco token, Blackberry, mobile phone (list type if relevant), thumb drive, video cameras) been provided by the department/agency? If yes provide a list of:
 - 1) What is provided?
 - 2) The purchase cost.
 - 3) The ongoing cost.
 - 4) A list of any accessories provided for the equipment and the costs of those accessories.
 - 5) A breakdown of what staff and staff classification receives each item.

Answer:

- a) As at 24 November 2014, there had been no change to the information provided in part (a) of Senate 2014-15 Budget Estimates Question on Notice HS 97.
- b) The department provides the Minister and staff with a range of electronic equipment. This may include:
 - Desktop Computer.
 - Laptop Computer.
 - Telephone and/or Smartphone.
 - Wireless 3G/4G modems for remote access.
 - Personal printing.
 - Network printing (not broken down by individual).
 - Assorted minor office equipment.

The matrix below outlines the equipment and current costs (as at 27 November 2014).

Equipment item	Purchase Cost (ex GST)	Ongoing Cost (Inc. GST)
Desktop PC	\$826.00	N/A
Desktop monitor	\$210.00	N/A
Laptop	Average \$650	N/A
Remote Access Token	\$57.09	N/A
3G/4G Modem	\$208.00	\$55.00 p/m
Tablet device	Average \$568.00	\$49.00 p/m
Mobile / Smartphone	Mobile - \$183.00 iPhone4 - \$827.00	Mobile - \$5.00 p/m iPhone - \$10.00 p/m
Printer	\$699.00	N/A

Since Budget Estimates in June 2014, a printer has been issued to the Minister.