

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

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Topic: Provision of Equipment - Ministerial

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Senator: Ludwig, Joe

Question:

1. Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014 for departments/agencies that provide mobile phones to Ministers and/or Parliamentary Secretaries and/or their offices, what type of mobile phone has been provided and the costs?

a) Itemise equipment and cost broken down by staff or Minister classification.

2. 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:

a) What is provided?

b) The purchase cost.

c) The ongoing cost.

d) A list of any accessories provided for the equipment and the cost of those accessories. (e.g. iPad keyboards, laptop carry bags, additional chargers etc).

e) A breakdown of what staff and staff classification receives each item.

Answer:

1. and a)

In the period between 1 July 2014 and 11 November 2014 there has been 1 purchase by Ministers and/or Parliamentary Secretaries and/or their offices.

- Assistant Minister Nash purchased a Samsung 16 Gb device (either smartphone or tablet) for \$723 ex GST.

2. One item was provided in the period between 1 July 2014 and 11 November 2014:

a) A Mac laptop with Microsoft Office software.

b) \$2,880 ex GST.

c) There are no ongoing costs.

d) The Department of Health does not have visibility of what accessories may have been provided.

e) The laptop was provided to the then Minister for Health, the Hon Peter Dutton MP.