

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

Supplementary Budget Estimates 2014 - 2015, 22 October 2014

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OUTCOME: 0 - Whole of Portfolio

Topic: Electronic Equipment

Type of Question: Written Question on Notice

Senator: Ludwig, Joe

Question:

1. Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014 other than phones, ipads or computers – please list the electronic equipment provided to the Minister’s office.

- a) List the items
- b) List the items location or normal location
- c) List if the item is in the possession of the office or an individual staff member of minister, if with an individual list their employment classification level
- d) List the total cost of the items
- e) List an itemised cost breakdown of these items
- f) List the date they were provided to the office
- g) Note if the items were requested by the office or proactively provided by the department

Answer:

1. and a) The Department of Health provides each of our Ministers and their offices with the option to use a range of electronic equipment including printers, televisions, multi-function devices, label makers, headsets and fax machines to undertake portfolio related business. Many items are reissued from a pool of previously purchased assets.

- b) Items are located at the Ministers Commonwealth Parliamentary Offices and their Ministerial Suite at Parliament House. A new fax machine was purchased for the Assistant Minister for Health, Senator the Hon Fiona Nash, for her home office to undertake portfolio related business.
- c) All equipment is provided to the office in order for the Ministers, their staff and Departmental Liaison Officers to undertake portfolio related business regardless of classification level.
- d) Total cost of the new item purchased since Budget Estimates in June is \$59.
- e) Fax machine - \$59.
- f) 23 September 2014.
- g) The items listed in part a) were proactively provided, the item listed in part e) was requested.