

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**

**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**HEALTH PORTFOLIO**

**Supplementary Budget Estimates 2014 - 2015, 22 October 2014**

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**Topic:** Computers

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**Senator:** Ludwig, Joe

**Question:**

1. List the current inventory of computers owned, leased, stored, or able to be accessed by the Ministers office as provided by the department, listing the equipment cost and location and employment classification of the staff member that is allocated the equipment, or if the equipment is currently not being used
2. List the current inventory of computers owned, leased, stored, or able to be accessed by the department, listing the equipment cost and location
3. Please detail the operating systems used by the departments computers, the contractual arrangements for operating software and the on-going costs

**Answer:**

1. The Department of Health owns 29 computers allocated to staff working in the Ministers' offices. The equipment costs \$13,142. Computers are located at Parliament House and the Ministers' Commonwealth Parliamentary Offices. Computers are allocated regardless of staff employment classification.
2. The Department owns 5629 computers for use by Departmental staff at the cost of \$2,355,090 prior to September 2013. The computers are located across the central office in Canberra and the state and territory offices across Australia.
3. The current operating system being used by the Department is Windows 7. The contractual arrangement for operating software is the Department of Finance's Volume Sourcing Agreement II. The ongoing costs are \$1,050,878 per year.