

**Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications**  
**Answers to Senate Estimates Questions on Notice**  
**Additional Estimates Hearings February 2016**  
**Communications Portfolio**  
**Department of Communications and the Arts**

**Question No: 191(a)**

**Program 1.1**

**Hansard Ref: Written, 19/02/2016**

**Topic: Provision of equipment - ministerial**

**Senator Ludwig, Joe asked:**

Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015:

1. 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:
  3. What is provided?
  4. The purchase cost.
  5. The ongoing cost.
  6. 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).
  7. A breakdown of what staff and staff classification receives each item.

**Answer:**

1. The Minister and his staff are provided a mobile phone (iPhones of various models). The cost for a mobile handset is between \$908.18 and \$1026.36 (GST exclusive).
  - (a) The information relating to Ministerial staff classification is held by the Special Minister of State.
- 2-6. Refer to Question on Notice 186(a) from Additional Estimates Hearings of February 2016.
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