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Topic: Provision of equipment – departmental

Senator Ludwig, Joe asked:

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

1. 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 to departmental staff? If yes provide a list of:
2. What has been provided?
3. The purchase cost.
4. The ongoing cost.
5. 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).
6. A breakdown of what staff and staff classification receives each item.

Answer:

1. Other than desktop computers, the portfolio provides a range of electronic equipment to staff to assist them with undertaking their duties.
2. Equipment that can be provided where there is a business need includes (but is not limited to):
 - (a) laptops
 - (b) remote access tokens
 - (c) wireless internet dongles
 - (d) mobile phones (e.g. iPhone, Nokia etc)
 - (e) tablet computers (e.g. iPad)
 - (f) USB storage devices
- 3-6. It would be an unreasonable diversion of resources to attempt to provide the detail of the purchases, ongoing costs, accessories and the staff and staff classifications for each item of equipment.