

Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications

Answers to Senate Estimates Questions on Notice

Additional Estimates Hearings June 2014

Communications Portfolio

Special Broadcasting Service

Question No: 404

Program No. SBS

Hansard Ref: In writing

Topic: Provision of equipment - departmental

Senator Ludwig asked:

1. Other than desktop computers, list all electronic equipment provided to Department/Agency staff since 25 February 2014.
2. List the items
3. List the purchase cost
4. List the ongoing cost
5. List the staff and staff classification that receive the equipment.

Answer:

1. The only items issued in this period have been smartphones
2. Smart phones
3. Various prices – total cost \$17,370. The average cost is \$800 per smartphone.
4. The ongoing cost is approximately \$70 per month.
5. In providing staff with equipment to fulfil their duties away from SBS offices, the nature and needs of individual roles are taken into account and approved by senior management. To provide the staff and classifications would create an unreasonable diversion of resources.