

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: 425

Program No. SBS

Hansard Ref: In writing

Topic: Computers

Senator Ludwig asked:

1. List the current inventory of computers owned, leased, stored, or able to be accessed by the Department/Agency, listing the equipment cost and location
2. Please detail the operating systems used by the Departments/Agencies computers, the contractual arrangements for operating software and the on-going costs

Answer:

1. SBS lease computers over a 3 year period. The current inventory includes 1,133 PC's, 423 laptops and 1,775 monitors. Average unit prices: PC's - \$1,462; Laptops - \$1,942; Monitors - \$288. Locations: Sydney – 2,857; Melbourne – 433; Remote offices (Canberra, Adelaide, Brisbane, Perth) – 41.
2. Operating Systems: Microsoft Windows (XP, 7, 8); Apple OS (X). Microsoft Windows operating systems are part of an Enterprise Agreement with Microsoft. The cost of the agreement to SBS over the current 3 year period is \$1,470,000. The Apple operating system is incorporated into the cost of the hardware.