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Communications Portfolio

Department of Communications

Question No: 657

Program No. Corporate

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 costs
4. List the ongoing cost
5. List the staff and the staff classification that receive the equipment.

Answer:

Communication expenditure reported from the Department's financial management systems include expenditure on items such as: smartphones, portable devices, wireless cards, broadband, fax machines, land lines, mobile phones etc. To attempt to provide disaggregated data would involve an unreasonable diversion of Departmental resources. The Department can, however provide certain data on personal issue equipment.

SES officers, and other approved staff, are generally provided with a mobile phone or smartphone, and a device for remote access to the Department's network.

The Department has the following stock of personal issue devices:

- 241 mobile handsets (either phone or Smartphone), with costs between \$163 - \$1,026
- 204 laptops, with costs between \$1,362 - \$2,246
- 92 tablets, with costs between \$397 - \$845.