## Senate Standing Committee on Economics

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# **Treasury Portfolio**

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30 May 2012

Question: BET 1267-1271

Topic: Provision of equipment (ATO)

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#### Senator BUSHBY asked:

- 1267. For departments/agencies that provide mobile phones to Ministers and/or Parliamentary Secretaries and/or their offices, what type of mobile phone is provided and the costs.
- 1268. For departments/agencies that provide electronic equipment to Ministers and/or Parliamentary Secretaries and/or their offices, what are the ongoing costs for this financial year to date?
- 1269. What were the running costs for 2009-10 and 2010-11?
- 1270. Is electronic equipment (such as ipad, laptop, wireless card, vasco token, blackberry, mobile phone (list type if relevant), thumb drive (not an inclusive list)) provided to department/agency staff? If yes provide details of what is provided, the purchase cost, the ongoing cost and a breakdown of what staff and staff classification receives it.
- 1271. Please update if there have been any changes since Additional Estimates 2011-12 (February 2012):
  - a) Does the department/agency provide their Ministers and/or Parliamentary Secretaries and/or their offices with any electronic equipment? If yes, provide details of what is provided, the cost and to who it is provided.

#### Answer:

1267, 1268, 1269 and 1271.

The ATO does not provide equipment to Treasury Portfolio Ministers. All equipment is provided by the Treasury.

#### 1270.

The ATO provides the following electronic devices to department/agency employees:

Electronic device	Average purchase cost per device (excluding GST)	Ongoing cost <sup>*</sup> per device
Standard Desktop (HP Compaq 8200 Elite SFF i5 2400)	\$454.25	\$17.92
Laptop	\$709.44	Standalone portable \$38.75 per month
		Small portable \$46.79 per month
		Medium portable \$38.75 per month
		Large portable \$54.04 per month

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RSA Token	\$90.10	Included in portable end user
		charges
Blackberry 9000	\$788.91	\$67.64 per month
Blackberry 9900	\$650.00	\$67.64 per month
Nokia 3120 Classic	\$172.00	\$7.87 per month
Nokia C5	\$185 .00	\$7.87 per month
Encrypted thumb drive	2GB \$165.66	Nil
	4GB \$190.89	Nil
	8GB \$227.85	Nil
Optus 3G wireless	No upfront charge	\$26.30 per month
modem		

\* Individual ongoing cost and does not include usage

ATO employees that receive electronic devices are those that have a business need to be contactable at any time and/or require remote access to departmental resources.

Mobile computing platform and encrypted thumb drives are issued to staff based on business need. To ensure economical use of these devices, they are able to be used in a pooled or multiple user situations which is managed by user identification assisting with monitoring access and usage.

The employee classifications that have access to electronic devices based on business needs are:

- Commissioners
- SES Band 2
- SES Band 1
- EL2
- EL1
- APS4-6.