

**Senate Standing Committee on Economics**

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**Question: BET 656-659**

**Topic: Provision of Equipment**

**Written: 17 June 2013**

**Senator BUSHBY asked:**

656. 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 what are the costs?
657. 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?
658. Is electronic equipment (such as iPads, laptops, wireless cards, vasco tokens, Blackberries, mobile phones (list type if relevant), thumb drives) 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.
659. 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 whom it is provided.

*\*Financial year to date – 31 May 2013*

**Answer:**

656. The ABS does not provide Ministers and/or Parliamentary Secretaries and/or their offices with mobile phones.
657. The ABS does not provide electronic equipment to Ministers and/or Parliamentary Secretaries and/or their offices.
658. The table below lists devices provided by the ABS to support personal productivity and remote network access for knowledge worker and field data collector staff. Device allocation is determined by staffing level and by position requirements and in some cases entails selection e.g. SES may have either iPhone or basic mobile. As at 1 July 2013, ABS provides the following electronic devices to department/agency staff:

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item	purchase cost per unit \$	annual cost* per unit \$	staff/classification			
			SES	EL2	EL1	APS1-6
<b>iPad</b>	\$800	710**	yes	yes	yes, if approved by AS	yes, if approved by AS
<b>Laptop</b>	\$930	520***	yes	yes, if approved by AS	yes, if approved by AS	yes, if approved by AS
<b>Wireless card</b>	\$80	710	yes	yes, if approved by AS	yes, if approved by AS	yes, if approved by AS
<b>identity token</b>	\$40	30	yes	yes	yes	yes
<b>iPhone</b>	\$670	410	yes	yes, if approved by AS	yes, if approved by AS	yes, if approved by AS
<b>Basic mobile phone</b>	\$150	60	yes	yes	yes, if approved by AS	yes, if approved by AS
<b>USB thumb drive</b>	\$22	0	yes	yes	yes	yes

\* Ongoing cost does not include non-standard software or usage

\*\* iPad ongoing cost includes network data access

\*\*\* Laptop ongoing cost does not include network data access

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