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Department/ Agency: ABS

Question: BET 1176-1177

Topic: Provision of Equipment

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Senator: Ludwig

Question:

1176. 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 (since Additional Estimates in February 2014)?
- a. Itemise equipment and cost broken down by staff or minister classification
1177. Is electronic equipment (such as ipad, laptop, wireless card, vasco token, blackberry, mobile phone (list type if relevant), thumb drive, video cameras) provided to department/agency staff? If yes provide a list of what is provided across the department of agency, the purchase cost, the ongoing cost and a breakdown of what staff and staff classification receives each item (since Additional Estimates in February 2014).

Answer:

1176. No mobile phones are provided to Ministers and /or Parliamentary Secretaries and /or their offices.
- 1177.. Electronic equipment, including iPads, laptops, wireless cards, identity tokens, iPhones, basic mobile phones and USB thumb drives, are provided to Department/agency staff.

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 12 June 2014, 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
iPad	\$800	\$210**	yes	yes, if approved by AS	yes, if approved by AS	yes, if approved by AS
Laptop	\$930	\$520***	yes	yes, if approved by AS	yes, if approved by AS	yes, if approved by AS
Wireless card	\$80	\$210**	yes	yes, if approved by AS	yes, if approved by AS	yes, if approved by AS
identity token	\$40	\$30	yes	yes	yes	yes
iPhone	\$670	\$420**	yes	yes, if approved by AS	yes, if approved by AS	yes, if approved by AS
Basic mobile phone	\$150	\$60	yes	yes	yes, if approved by AS	yes, if approved by AS
USB thumb drive	\$22	0	yes, if approved by Security	yes, if approved by Security	yes, if approved by Security	yes, if approved by Security

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

** iPad and wireless cards ongoing cost includes network data access under Optus (majority supplier). iPhone includes network data access under Telstra (majority supplier)

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