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Department/ Agency: ASIC **Question:** BET 1840-1841 **Topic:** Provision of Equipment **Reference:** Written – 12 June 2014

Senator: Ludwig

Question:

- 1840. 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
- 1841. 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:

- 1840. ASIC does not provide equipment to Ministers, Parliamentary Secretaries or their offices.
- 1841. Yes. ASIC's policy is to provide electronic equipment to selected staff, based on need and on manager's approval, and in some cases Senior Executive approval. ASIC can provide the following to agency staff:
 - o Mobile phone
 - Nokia Lumiere 610 (\$237 purchase cost + usage). Available to staff with a justified and approved need.
 - o iPhone
 - iPhone5C (\$739 purchase cost + usage). Available to staff with a justified and approved need.
 - o iPad
 - iPad Air (\$800 purchase cost including keyboard dock) has replaced laptops as the mobile solution. Available to Executive Level 2 staff and above if justified.
 - Vasco tokens
 - The purchase cost is \$150 for hard tokens and \$140 for soft tokens, with no ongoing cost. Provided to staff with a justified and approved need to have remote access.
 - USB Thumb drives

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- The purchase cost is \$150 per encrypted device. Available to staff with a justified and approved need.
- Wireless cards
 - The purchase cost is \$300 per 4G device. Data charges are pooled.

The ongoing cost of the above devices will vary depending on the level of usage.