

Senate Economics Legislation Committee
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Department/ Agency: Clean Energy Finance Corporation

Question: 2241-2243

Topic: Computers

Reference: Written - 12 June 2014

Senator: Ludwig

Question:

2241. List the current inventory of computers owned, leased, stored, or able to be accessed by the Ministers office as provided by the department, listing the equipment cost and location and employment classification of the staff member that is allocated the equipment, or if the equipment is currently not being used
2242. List the current inventory of computers owned, leased, stored, or able to be accessed by the department, listing the equipment cost and location
2243. Please detail the operating systems used by the department's computers, the contractual arrangements for operating software and the on-going costs

Answer:

2241. The CEFC is not a Department of State. If this question is for the Department it should be directed to the Department of the Treasury. If this question is directed at the CEFC notwithstanding its wording to the contrary, the answer is Nil.
2242. The CEFC is not a Department of State. If this question is for the Department it should be directed to the Department of the Treasury. If this question is directed at the CEFC notwithstanding its wording to the contrary, then please refer to the attached schedule of computer equipment owned by the CEFC. The CEFC does not lease any equipment. All equipment owned by the CEFC is located in either the Brisbane or Sydney offices of the Corporation, other than laptops which are in the possession of CEFC staff and are taken out of the office regularly in the course of the employees completing their role and function for the CEFC and backup drives which are stored off-site in accord with good business practice. With regards to accessing equipment, there are potentially many millions of computers that are accessible by the CEFC through the internet. The CEFC does back up data to hardware that is located off-site from either office for purposes of data security. The CEFC also heavily utilises video conferencing equipment in both its offices that have the potential to access computers hosting video conferencing systems at various other businesses (e.g. our customers, banks we are working with, etc) as a means of establishing the video communication connection. The CEFC's telephony system is an IP voice system that, while hosted on site in the Brisbane office, accesses computer hardware at a third party provider site to convert data to voice and connect to the POT (plain old telephone) system for incoming and outgoing calls, other than between the CEFC's own offices.
2243. The CEFC is not a Department of State. If this question is for the Department it should be directed to the Department of the Treasury. If this question is directed at the CEFC notwithstanding its wording to the contrary, the answer is:

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- For server computers: Windows 2008-2012. The contractual arrangements for operating software are through centralised Australian Government procurement.
- For laptop computers: Windows 7. The contractual arrangements for operating software are through centralised Australian Government procurement.
- The CEFC is part of the whole of government procurement arrangements in relation to the purchase and ongoing support of operating systems for computer hardware. Questions in relation to the ongoing cost of support and maintenance for operating system software would be best directed to the Department of Finance who are responsible for negotiating the whole of government software procurement arrangements.