

Senate Economics Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Treasury Portfolio

Supplementary Budget Estimates

2016 - 2017

Division/Agency: Australian Office of Financial Management

Question No: 142

Topic: Mobile phones

Reference: Written

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Question:

- 1) How many mobile phones are there in use by employees?
- 2) With which telecommunications service provider are the mobile phones linked to?
- 3) What is the cost of the plan for each mobile phone?
- 4) How much data is included in this plan?
- 5) What is the cost if data usage goes beyond its quota?
- 6) Have there been instances where data usage for individual mobile phone users has exceeded its quota?
 - a. If so, can you detail the costs incurred as a result for the 2015-16 financial year, and the 2016-17 financial year to date.

Answer:

- 1) As at 31 October 2016 there are 3 mobile phones issued to employees.
- 2) Optus.
- 3) The plan cost is \$45 per phone.
- 4) 4GB.
- 5) Data usage beyond the plan amount is charged at the prevailing peak or off-peak rate.
- 6) Yes.
 - a. Information on data usage beyond the plan quota is not maintained by the Australian Office of Financial Management. Issued phone usage is governed by internal policies, and phone bills are reviewed prior to payment for excessive usage.