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ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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Department/Agency: Australian Prudential Regulation Authority

Question: 179

Topic: Mobile phones

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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. APRA provides 95 mobile phone devices for use by staff.
2. The telecommunications service provider used by APRA is Optus.
3. The cost of the current plan is \$20 per month (including GST), which includes unlimited domestic talk time. A data allowance arrangement is shared across all devices.
4. A separate shared data plan of 225GB is available across all devices. The current cost for this plan is \$1,875 per month (including GST).
5. Under the current plan, the cost if data usage goes beyond its quota is \$0.01 per month per MB.
6. During the financial year period 1 July 2015 to 30 June 2016 there were two instances of additional costs incurred for individual devices exceeding the quota.
 - a) In May – June 2016, \$14,986 was charged as an additional cost, under the terms of the previous contract. This was the result of a misunderstanding of data classification and APRA has sought a credit from the service provider. Similarly, an amount of \$673 was charged in June-July 2016 under the previous contract.