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Division/Agency: Australian Taxation Office
Question No: 298
Topic: Wi-fi network
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Question:

1) Is there a wi-fi network on the department/agency premises?2) If yes:a. Who provides the wi-fi network?b. What is the cost of operating and maintaining the wi-fi network?c. What is the speed of the wi-fi network, for both uploads and downloads?d. What level of security is the wi-fi network set to?e. What access protocols are in place to access the wi-fi network?f. Who can access the wi-fi network?g. With what electronic devices can the network be accessed? Can personal devices of staff access the network?

Answer:

1) Yes.

2)

a. ATO's Managed Network Services (MNS) provider, Optus.

b. The total monthly cost of operating (usage, equipment) and maintaining the wi-fi network is $182,149.47 per month.

c. The link speed servicing the ATO wi-fi network is 800mb for upload and download.

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e. The access protocol in place is 802.1x EAP (Extensible Authentication Protocol), with username and password authentication required.

f. All ATO staff, contractors and other authorised users are able to access the wi-fi network after they have requested access through the internal ATO process.

g. All wireless enabled electronic devices can access the network, and staff can use personal devices to access the network.