

Senate Economics Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Treasury Portfolio

Supplementary Budget Estimates

2016 - 2017

Division/Agency: Productivity Commission

Question No: 378

Topic: Mobile phones

Reference: Written

Senator: Ketter, Chris

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:

As at 31 October 2016:

- 1) 26.
- 2) Optus and Telstra.
- 3) The Commission meets the cost of data, which ranges from \$15 to \$30 per month per device, and a call component for reasonable business use (which varies according to the role undertaken).
- 4) Data plans vary from 1GB to 5GB.
- 5) 10c/MB.
- 6) No, for 2015-16 and 2016-17 year to 31 October 2016.