

Senate Economics Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Treasury Portfolio

Supplementary Budget Estimates

2016 - 2017

Division/Agency: Business Services Division

Question No: 430

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) 358 Mobile Phones
- 2) The two telecommunication service providers for the Treasury's mobile phones are Telstra and Optus.
- 3) Optus \$29.54 per month and Telstra \$34.54 per month
- 4) 1.5GB for Optus (The Department is on a shared plan for 600 users we get 900GB) and 3GB for Telstra
- 5) For Telstra services the cost is \$0.03 per megabyte with an Excess Data Cap of \$500. There is no cost for excess domestic data usage with Optus as the Department is on a shared data plan, however if it is international data the Department is charged accordingly.
- 6) Yes.
 - a. For Optus, there have been international excess usage charges. In order to collect and collate the information, a manual process to interrogate Optus invoices (an excess of 550 services) to identify these costs would be too resource intensive. For Telstra, domestic cost is \$26,498.01 and international is \$76,243.35.