

Senate Committee: Education and Employment

QUESTION ON NOTICE Additional Estimates 2015 - 2016

Outcome: Cross Portfolio - Shared Services Centre

Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ16-000237

Senator Ludwig, Joe provided in writing

Provision of equipment - ministerial

Question

Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015:
For departments/agencies that provide mobile phones to Ministers and/or Parliamentary Secretaries and/or their offices, what type of mobile phone has been provided and the costs?

1. Itemise equipment and cost broken down by staff or minister classification
2. Has electronic equipment (such as ipad, laptop, wireless card, vasco token, blackberry, mobile phone (list type if relevant), thumb drive, video cameras) been provided by the department/agency? If yes provide a list of:
3. What is provided?
4. The purchase cost.
5. The ongoing cost.
6. A list of any accessories provided for the equipment and the cost of those accessories. (e.g. iPad keyboards, laptop carry bags, additional chargers etc).
7. A breakdown of what staff and staff classification receives each item.

Answer

The response relates to Minister Birmingham, Minister Hartsuyker and their respective offices.

1. The department issues Apple IOS devices to the Ministers' offices. The current model issued is an iPhone 6S or iPhone 6S Plus.

Equipment Type	Advisor	Office Manager	Minister	Media Advisor	Assistant Media Advisor	Senior Advisor	Diary Manager	COS	Receptionist	Grand Total	Device Cost	Total Cost
Smartphone	2				1	1	2		1	7	\$1,317.90	\$9,225.30

2. Yes, the Department of Education and Training provides electronic equipment in line with the DOF Ministerial Entitlements Handbook. The department and the Ministers' offices worked together to determine equipment allocations.

3. Below is a breakdown of equipment that has been issued and quantity:

Equipment	Qty
Data Card	5
Smartphone	7
Tablet	8
Vasco Token	6
Laptop	6

4. Below is the purchase cost:

Equipment	Qty	Device Cost	Total
Data Card	5	\$192.00	\$960.00
Smartphone	7	\$1,317.90	\$9,225.30
Tablet	8	\$1,262.90	\$10,103.20
Vasco Token	6	\$50.00	\$300.00
Laptop	6	\$1,962.08	\$11,772.48

5. Mobile devices attract an ongoing cost per month. The plans vary and are based on the WoG Panel Rates. The table below provides an overview of the total monthly cost per equipment type:

Equipment Type	Qty	Device Cost	Total	Ongoing Cost per month
Data Card	5	\$192.00	\$960.00	\$325.00
Smartphone	7	\$1,317.90	\$9,225.30	\$800.00
Tablet	8	\$1,262.90	\$10,103.20	\$130.00
Sim Only Service	3	N/A	N/A	\$229.00

6. The case and additional charger for devices is all built into the price per device as advised in the above table.

7. A breakdown of what staff and staff classification receives each item is below:

Equipment Type	Advisor	Office Manager	Minister	Media Advisor	Assistant Media Advisor	Senior Advisor	Diary Manager	COS	Receptionist	Grand Total
Data Card		1		1	1	1	1			5
Smartphone	2				1	1	2		1	7
Sim Only Service			2	1						3
Tablet	1	1		2	1	1	1	1		8
Laptop	1			2		1	1		1	6