

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment - Education

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Budget Estimates 2014-2015**

Cross Portfolio

Department of Education Question No. ED0143_15

Senator Ludwig provided in writing.

Question

Dept & all agencies: Provision of equipment - ministerial

1. For departments/agencies that provide mobile phones to Ministers and/or Parliamentary Secretaries and/or their offices, what type of mobile phone is provided and the costs? a. Itemise equipment and cost broken down by staff or minister classification 2. Is electronic equipment (such as ipad, laptop, wireless card, vasco token, blackberry, mobile phone (list type if relevant), thumb drive, video cameras) provided to department/agency staff? If yes provide a list of what is provided across the department of agency, the purchase cost, the ongoing cost and a breakdown of what staff and staff classification receives each item.

Answer

Department

1. The Department of Education provides IT equipment in line with the DOF Ministerial Entitlements Handbook.
 - a. The Department of Education has issued 18 iPhones to Ministers and Parliamentary Secretary and their staff at a cost of approximately \$1000 per mobile phone handset. Monthly voice and data charges are capped at \$80 per service per month.
2. The department's staff are provided with necessary electronic equipment to perform their roles, including mobile communication and audio visual recording equipment if needed.

Following the abolition of the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations (DEEWR) the division of assets, including electronic equipment, between the Department of Education and the Departments of Employment, Social Services and Prime Minister and Cabinet, is still being finalised and therefore a detailed response cannot be provided.

Agency

Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority

Nil response

Australian Institute for Teaching and School Leadership

Not applicable

Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies

1. Nil response

2.

Equipment Provided	Purchase cost (GST exclusive)	Ongoing cost	Staff details
Laptop	\$ 1500	N/A	1 X SES Band 1 9 X EL2 8 X EL1 1 X APS 3 1 X APS 6
IPAD	\$800	\$19 per month (Data Communication)	CEO/Principal 1 X SES Band 1 6 Council 9 X EL2 6 X EL1 5 X APS5
Thumb Drive	N/A	N/A	Various
Blackberry/iphone/ Mobile	\$ 700	\$49 per month	CEO/Principal 1 X SES Band 1 2 X EL1 5 X EL2 3 X APS5
Nokia Mobile	\$ 350	\$ 39 per month	2 X EL2 1 X EL1
Laptop	\$ 1800		16 X trainees (Step-up Indigenous career development program)

Australian Research Council

1. Not applicable

2. iPad – 22, Cost - varies, recommended retail price less GST at time of purchase

Ongoing cost - \$15/month data plan (where 3G enabled)

Staff* - Executive Level 2 staff and above and staff with responsibility for business continuity.

Mobile phone – 26, Cost - as per AGIMO panel rates

Ongoing cost - \$15/month

Staff* - Executive Level 2 staff and above or where a business requirement is identified.

Laptop - 19

Cost - as per AGIMO panel rates

Ongoing cost - Nil

Staff* - Executive Level 2 staff and above or where a business requirement is identified.

Modem -7

Cost - approx. \$200 each

Ongoing cost - \$29/month data plan

Staff* - Executive Level 2 staff and above or where there is a identified need.

*Additional staff may be issued with mobile phone, iPad and/or laptop to facilitate business operations

Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency

1. Not applicable
2. See table below (**Note:** all cost are GST exclusive).

Item	Unit Cost	Monthly ongoing cost	Staff classification
7 x Blackberry 9700	\$513.32	\$59.95	• EL2 x 1
		\$39.95	• EL2 x 2
		\$50.00	• EL2 x 1 • EL1 x 3
5 x iPhone 4S	\$829.09	\$19/2GB	• Commissioner x 3 • EL2 x 1
		\$30/3GB	• EL2 x 1
8 x iPhone 5	\$726.36	\$19/2GB	• Commissioner x 1 • SES x 2 • EL2 x 2
		\$30/3GB	• Commissioner x 1 • EL2 x 1
		\$60/8GB	• EL2 x 1
7 x Dell Laptop E6320	\$1,075.12	N/A	• EL2 x 3 • EL1 x 3 • APS x 1
15 x Toshiba Laptop Z930	\$1,932.54	N/A	• Commissioner x 2 • SES x 2 • EL2 x 6 • EL1 x 2 • APS x 2 • Finance team (pool laptop)
9 x Telstra Ultimate Sierra Wireless USB Modem	\$ 146.36	\$39/1GB	• SES x 2 • EL2 x 4 • EL1 x 2 • APS x 1
11 x Apple iPad 3	\$ 885.36	\$29/4GB	• Commissioners x 5 • SES x 3 • EL2 x 3
4 x Apple iPad 4	\$ 775.20	\$29/4GB	• EL2 x 1 • EL1 x 1 • APS x 1
		\$50/4GB (Casual)	• APS x 1
Wacom Tablet	\$ 313.64	-	• EL2 x 1
Digital camera – Canon EOS 60D	\$1,245.45	N/A	• Communications team (pool)