

**Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment**

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

**Cross Portfolio**

**Department of Employment Question No. EM0428\_15**

**Senator Ludwig provided in writing.**

**Question**

**Unallocated equipment**

1. Please detail how much electrical equipment, phones and computers the department/agency has in storage or unallocated to staff 2. Please detail the purchase, storage and ongoing costs associated with equipment, phones and computers in storage or unallocated.

**Answer**

The Department of Employment shares a pool of electrical equipment, phones and computers with the Department of Education. The number of items of equipment in the pool and staff levels in each department and their requirements vary over the year and at any point in time there may be a surplus or shortage of equipment. To determine the precise items that are unallocated, and match the asset numbers to historical financial records of their purchase value and to calculate the storage costs would be an unreasonable diversion of departmental resources.