

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES 2014-15

Finance Portfolio

Department/Agency: Department of Finance

Outcome/Program: 3/3.1

Topic: Costs of mobile phones

Senator: Bernardi

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Question:

CHAIR: So the costs, the payment and all that reside with you but you cannot tell me how much they are.

Ms Moy: It is under outcome 3 but the actual control and the management sits with the Presiding Officers and they draw down on the Department of Finance for a total amount, rather than individual bills.

CHAIR: I make the point. We tried to do the right thing.

Senator Ronaldson: Senator, I think we might take it on notice, just so we can clarify.

Answer:

With effect from 1 July 2013, responsibility for the administration of all smartphones and mobile telephones provided to Senators and Members under entitlement, transferred from the Department of Finance (Finance) to the Department of Parliamentary Services (DPS).

Finance notes that the question related to ownership of mobile telephone number 0477 333 555 has been referred to DPS as their Question No. 19.