

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES 2015-16

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Topic: Mobile phones - Departmental

Senator: Wong

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Question:

1. How many mobile phones are in use by Finance employees?
2. With which telecommunications service provider are Finance 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? If so, can the Department detail the costs incurred as a result for the 2014-15 financial year, and the 2015-16 financial year to date.

Answer:

1. There are 232 mobile phones actively used by Finance employees.
2. Finance uses Telstra as its mobile phone service provider.
- 3-5. The Department utilises multiple plans offered as part of the WoG Panel for Telecommunications Carriage, Commodities and Associated Services. The majority of Finance staff utilise a \$40 plan with 2GB available data, excess data usage is calculated at \$0.25 per MB, and charged by KB.
6. The department's expense management system does not provide the details requested. It would involve an unreasonable diversion of departmental resources to seek to answer this question.