

Senate Finance and Public Administration Committee:
Answers to written Questions on Notice Supplementary Budget Estimates 2013–14
Parliamentary Departments Portfolio
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Department: Parliamentary Budget Office

Topic: Provision of equipment

Senator: Senator Ludwig

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Type of question: Written

Question

- 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?**
- 2. For departments/agencies that provide electronic equipment to Ministers and/or Parliamentary Secretaries and/or their offices, what are the ongoing costs from 7 September 2013 to date?**
- 3. Is electronic equipment (such as ipad, laptop, wireless card, vasco token, blackberry, mobile phone (list type if relevant), thumb drive) provided to department/agency staff? If yes provide details of what is provided, the purchase cost, the ongoing cost and a breakdown of what staff and staff classification receives it.**
- 4. Does the department/agency provide their Ministers and/or Parliamentary Secretaries and/or their offices with any electronic equipment? If yes, provide details of what is provided, the cost and to who it is provided.**

Answer

1. Not applicable.
2. Not applicable.
3. Yes.

Equipment	Cost	Ongoing cost	Allocation
iPhone	\$4,358.16 in total	\$15 per month plus call charges	Parliamentary Budget Officer, two SES Band 2 officers and three SES Band 1 officers.
iPad	\$5,939.18 in total	One plan at \$39 per month and all other plans at \$29 per month	Parliamentary Budget Officer, two SES Band 2 officers and four SES Band 1 officers.

Equipment	Cost	Ongoing cost	Allocation
RSA token	Nil	Nil	Parliamentary Budget Officer, two SES Band 2 officers, four SES Band 1 officers, four PEL2 officers, six PEL1 officers and four PSL6 officers.
Protected thumb drives	\$624.68 (estimated)	Nil	45 encrypted thumb drives shared by all PBO employees and one for use by the Parliamentary Budget Officer.
External disc drive	\$232.70 (estimated)	Nil	3 external disc drives shared by all PBO employees.

4. Not applicable