

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS
ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT

Corporate

Question No. 223

Senator Ludwig asked the following question at the hearing on 24 February 2014:

- 1) List the current inventory of computers owned, leased, stored, or able to be accessed by the Ministers office as provided by the department, listing the equipment cost and location and employment classification of the staff member that is allocated the equipment, or if the equipment is currently not being used
- 2) List the current inventory of computers owned, leased, stored, or able to be accessed by the department, listing the equipment cost and location
- 3) Please detail the operating systems used by the departments computers, the contractual arrangements for operating software and the on-going costs

The answer to the honourable senator's question is as follows:

- 1) The department provides a range of ICT equipment to the Minister's office in order to meet ongoing business needs. For additional information, refer to response to Additional Estimates 2014 Question on Notice 225.
- 2) Responding to this question represents an unreasonable diversion of resources.
- 3) The department operates within a Microsoft environment utilising Windows 7 on the desktop, in combination with various other components of the Microsoft stack through the VSA II whole of government offering. This is supported by a highly virtualised back-end network. The department has in place a large number of contractual arrangements in place for operating software. Responding to this element of the query represents an unreasonable diversion of resources.