

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS
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Senator Ludwig asked the following question at the hearing on 9 February 2016:

Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015:

1. For departments/agencies that provide mobile phones to Ministers and/or Parliamentary Secretaries and/or their offices, what type of mobile phone has been provided and the costs?
 1. Itemise equipment and cost broken down by staff or minister classification
2. Has electronic equipment (such as iPad, laptop, wireless card, vasco token, blackberry, mobile phone (list type if relevant), thumb drive, video cameras) been provided by the department/agency? If yes provide a list of:
 3. What is provided?
 4. The purchase cost.
 5. The ongoing cost.
 6. A list of any accessories provided for the equipment and the cost of those accessories. (e.g. iPad keyboards, laptop carry bags, additional chargers etc.).
 7. A breakdown of what staff and staff classification receives each item.

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

1. The department generally provides iPhones to ministers and their staff as the standard mobile phone device. The purchase cost for an iPhone is currently approximately \$910.

2-7. The department provides the following electronic equipment, as required, to staff to assist them with carrying out their duties:

- business card scanners
- desktop PCs and laptop computers
- desktop scanners
- desktop speakers
- desktop teleconference machines
- digital cameras
- digital voice recorders
- facsimile machines
- internet protocol (IP) phones
- iPads
- mobile phone devices (eg iPhone)
- portable radio/stereo
- printers/multi-function devices
- remote access tokens
- shredders
- televisions
- transcription equipment
- USB storage devices
- wireless internet dongles

- wireless telephone headsets

It would require an unreasonable diversion of resources to itemise equipment and costs for each item (including accessories) broken down by staff and/or staff classification.