

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

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Senator Ludwig asked the following question at the hearing on 26-29 May 2014:

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?
 - a) Itemise equipment and cost broken down by staff or minister classification
2. 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 a list of what is provided across the department of agency, the purchase cost, the ongoing cost and a breakdown of what staff and staff classification receives each item.

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

- 1 – 1a): The Attorney-General's Department generally provides iPhones to ministers and their staff as the standard mobile phone device. The purchase cost for an iPhone is currently approximately \$850 per item.

It would require an unreasonable diversion of resources to itemise each piece of equipment and the purchase and ongoing costs for each item broken down by staff or minister classification.

2. The Attorney-General's Department provides the following electronic equipment, as required, to its staff to assist them with carrying out their duties:

- desktop PCs and laptops
- mobile phone devices (eg iPhone; BlackBerry etc)
- iPads
- printers/multi-function devices
- internet protocol (IP) phones
- desktop scanners
- remote access tokens
- wireless internet dongles
- Bluetooth headsets
- Bluetooth car kits
- USB storage devices
- digital voice recorders
- digital cameras
- shredders
- televisions
- KVM switches
- transcription equipment, and
- portable stereos.

It would require an unreasonable diversion of resources to provide the purchase and ongoing costs for each item broken down by staff and staff classification.