

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

**Group: 1**

**Program: Whole-of-Portfolio**

**Question No. SBE14/102**

**Senator Ludwig asked the following written question from the 20 November and 11 December 2014 hearings.**

Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014:

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?
  - a) 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:
  - a) What is provided?
  - b) The purchase cost.
  - c) The ongoing cost.
  - d) 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).
  - e) 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 department generally provides iPhones to ministers and their staff as the standard mobile phone device. The purchase cost for an iPhone is currently approximately \$750.

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

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

- desktop PCs and laptops
- mobile phone devices (eg iPhone)
- iPads
- printers/multi-function devices
- internet protocol (IP) phones
- desktop scanners
- remote access tokens
- Bluetooth headsets
- business card scanners
- USB storage devices
- digital voice recorders
- digital cameras

- shredders
- televisions
- KVM switches
- portable stereos
- transcription equipment, and
- wireless internet dongles.

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.