

**Economics Legislation Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
Industry, Innovation, Science, Research and Tertiary Education Portfolio  
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**AGENCY/DEPARTMENT:** DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY, INNOVATION, SCIENCE, RESEARCH AND TERTIARY EDUCATION

**TOPIC:** Provision of Equipment

**REFERENCE:** Written Question – Senator Bushby

**QUESTION no:** BI-206

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 for this financial year to date? What were the running costs for 2009-10 and 2010-11?
3. Is electronic equipment (such as ipad, laptop, wireless card, vasco token, blackberry, mobile phone (list type if relevant), thumb drive (not an inclusive list)) 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. Please update if there have been any changes since Additional Estimates 2011-12 (February 2012):
  - 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**

**DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY, INNOVATION, SCIENCE, RESEARCH AND TERTIARY EDUCATION**

1. The Department does not provide mobile phones to Ministers/Parliamentary Secretaries and their staff however the Department provides Blackberries with mobile phone capabilities. Refer to the response to question 2 for costs.
2. Ongoing costs for electronic equipment including blackberries for the 2011-12 financial year to 31 May is \$111,380 (GST exclusive). For 2009-10 the costs were \$86,506 (GST exclusive), and for 2010-11 the costs were \$72,773 (GST exclusive).

3. Refer to following table:

<b>Equipment provided</b>	<b>Purchase Cost (GST Exclusive)</b>	<b>Ongoing cost</b>	<b>Staff details</b>
iPAD	\$900	\$588 per annum (data cost)	iPADs are under evaluation and currently limited to a small Pilot group of technical staff and test users
Laptops Dell Latitude 6420 Dell Latitude 6320	large - \$932 small - \$1,014	Nil	Staff with a business requirement to work remotely may be issued with either a small or large format laptop
Wireless Card (Telstra Mobile Wifi 4G)	\$182	\$39 per month	Data cards are available to SES officers and other staff with a business requirement
Thumb Drive (Kingston Data traveller Vault Privacy USB)	\$43	Nil	Available to all staff with a business requirement on request
Blackberry Bold 9900	\$666	\$40 - \$65 per month	Access to Blackberry devices is limited to members of the Senior Executive Services (SES) and staff with an approved work related need.
Mobile Phone (Various models)	\$175-\$1,200 (approx) Handset costs varies according to model	\$5 per month plus calls	Each Division determines the entitlement of its staff to departmental mobile phones.

4. Not applicable, this question has not previously been asked of the Department.

### **AUSTRALIAN INSTITUTE OF ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER STUDIES (AIATSIS)**

1. and 2. Not Applicable. Please refer to response provided by DIISRTE.

3. Refer to following table:

<b>Equipment provided</b>	<b>Purchase Cost</b>	<b>Ongoing Cost</b>	<b>Staff Details</b>
Laptop	\$1,500	N/A	Chair 1 x SES Band 1 8 x EL2 6 x EL1 1 x APS3 2 x APS6
I PAD	\$800	\$19 per month	CEO 1 x SES Band 1 Chair 5 x Council 9 x EL2 6 x EL1 2 x APS6
Thumb drives	Not available	NA	Various
Blackberry/iPhone/ Mobile	\$850	\$49 per month	CEO 3 x EL2
Blackberry	\$650	\$59 per month	2 x EL2

Nokia	\$350	\$39 per month	Chair 1 x SES Band 1 2 x EL2 1 x EL1 1 x APS5
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4. Not applicable, this question has not previously been asked of the Agency.

### AUSTRALIAN INSTITUTE OF MARINE SCIENCE (AIMS)

1. and 2. Not Applicable. Please refer to response provided by DIISRTE.

3. Refer to following table:

Equipment provided	Purchase Cost	Ongoing cost	Staff details
Computer/laptops  AIMS also has very limited access to iPads	Notebook Computers (186): \$1,821 - \$1,975  Desktops/Workstations (97): \$1,272 - \$1,315  4 Year Lifecycle	Computer/Laptops are purchased through a preferred supplier with maintenance included	Provision of electronic equipment to AIMS staff is based on work-related need, not staff classification and applies from the CEO down to AIMS Officer Level 3.  There are a very limited number of staff (3) with iPads
Mobile Phones iPhones	Mobile phones Smart phone – iPhone at ~\$750;  Office mobile – Nokia ~\$300;  Field mobile – Telstra Tough 2 ~\$400	Mobile phones \$5 per month  \$10 per month (1Gb)	Available to staff based on a business requirement on request

4. Not applicable, this question has not previously been asked of the Agency.

### AUSTRALIAN NUCLEAR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY ORGANISATION (ANSTO)

1. and 2. Not Applicable. Please refer to response provided by DIISRTE.

2. Refer to following table:

Equipment provided	Purchase Cost	Ongoing cost	Staff details
<b>Laptops</b>			
460 HP Laptop Devices	\$1,523 to \$2,073	N/A	Staff with a business requirement to work remotely may be issued with either a small or large format laptop
25 Apple Mac Book	\$989 to \$2,250		

<b>Smartphones</b>				
99 RIM Blackberry	\$666-\$678	\$45 per month	Available to staff based on a business requirement on request	
3 Apple iPhone	\$792-\$1008	\$30 per month		
<b>Mobile phones</b>				
326 Various brands	\$333-\$792	\$5 per month + dataplan required (minimum \$15)		
<b>Tablets</b>				
36 Apple iPad 2/3	\$679-\$899	\$30 per month		
<b>3G Wireless</b>				
61 3G / 4G Telstra wireless devices	\$182-\$249	\$30 per month		
<b>Tokens</b>				
608 Ubi-keys	\$100	Purchase includes 3 years maintenance.	Available to staff based on a business requirement on request	
<b>USB Drives</b>				
	N/A	N/A	Available to staff based on a business requirement on request	

4. Not applicable, this question has not previously been asked of the Agency.

#### AUSTRALIAN RESEARCH COUNCIL (ARC)

1. and 2. Not Applicable. Please refer to response provided by DIISRTE.

3. Refer to following table:

<b>Equipment provided</b>	<b>Purchase Cost</b>	<b>Ongoing cost</b>	<b>Staff details</b>
20 iPads 17 laptops 24 phones	iPads: \$899 Laptops: 10 AGIMO lightweight notebooks \$800 each 7 Ultra-portable notebooks @ \$1,200 each Smart phones: \$700	iPads: \$29.00 per month Laptops: N/A Smart phones: \$39 per month	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Personal Electronic Devices and mobile devices are provided to staff where there is a genuine work related need</li> </ul>

4. Not applicable, this question has not previously been asked of the Agency.

## AUSTRALIAN SKILLS QUALITY AUTHORITY

1. and 2. Not Applicable. Please refer to response provided by DIISRTE.

3. Refer to following table:

Equipment provided	Purchase Cost	Ongoing cost	Staff details
Laptop	\$35,475	N/A	2 x SES 31 shared across all staff
Wireless Card	N/A	\$19,404	2 x SES 31 shared across all staff
Vasco Token	N/A	\$2,400	2 x SES 6 x EL1/2 equivalent 4 x APS4-6 equivalent
Blackberry	\$16,150	\$6,828	2 x SES 17 x EL1/2 equivalent
Mobile phone	N/A	\$3,600	1 x SES 1 x EL1/2 equivalent 28 shared across all staff
Digital Cameras	\$249	N/A	1 x APS4-6 equivalent
Digital Voice Recorders	\$250	N/A	1 x SES 1 x APS4-6 equivalent

4. Not applicable, this question has not previously been asked of the Agency.

## COMMONWEALTH SCIENTIFIC AND INDUSTRIAL RESEARCH ORGANISATION (CSIRO)

1. and 2. Not Applicable. Please refer to response provided by DIISRTE.

3. Refer to following table:

Equipment provided	Purchase Cost	Ongoing cost	Staff details
<b>Laptops</b>			
4,214 Dell devices	\$1,556 –\$2,073	N/A	Staff are eligible for one centrally funded Standard desktop computer.  Dell Laptops or non-standard devices (incl. Apple) are funded on business requirements
284 Apple devices	\$989 – \$2,250		
<b>Smartphones</b>			
664 RIM Blackberry	\$666-\$678	\$45 per month	Smartphones, Mobile, Satellite, tablets, 3G Wireless are provided based on a business need on request
325 Apple iPhone	\$792-\$1,008	Varies based on dataplan – approximately \$24 per month	
<b>Mobile phones</b>			
1107 Various brands	\$333-\$792	\$5 per month + dataplan if required (minimum \$9)	

<b>Satellite Phones</b>			
43 Iridium	\$1193	\$30 per month	
<b>Tablets</b>			
402 Apple iPad	\$679-\$899	Varies based on dataplan – approximately \$24 per month	
<b>3G wireless</b>			
921 3G / 4G wireless devices (various brands)	\$182-\$249	Varies based on dataplan + usage – approximately \$39 per month	
<b>USB Thumb Drives</b>			
	N/A	N/A	Thumb drives are provided based on a business need on request

4. Not applicable, this question has not previously been asked of the Agency.

## IP AUSTRALIA

1. and 2. Not Applicable. Please refer to response provided by DIISRTE.

3. Refer to following table:

<b>Equipment provided</b>	<b>Purchase Cost</b>	<b>Ongoing cost</b>	<b>Staff details</b>
Mobile: Nokia (160 devices)	\$210	\$5 per month plus call costs	Available to staff based on a business requirement on request
Mobile: Blackberry (52 devices)	\$579	\$30 plan	Available to staff based on a business requirement on request
Wireless Cards: Telstra (10 devices ) (20 devices)	\$222	\$19 plan \$69 plan	Available to staff based on a business requirement on request
Laptops: Dell Latitude various models (191 Devices)	\$904 - \$2,849	N/A	Available to staff based on a business requirement on request
Apple iPad (13 devices)	\$726 - \$826	N/A	iPad Pilot only
Thumbdrive: Ironkey (88 devices)	\$188	USD\$3,500.00 P.A (approximately A\$3,400)	Encrypted USB keys are issued to staff identified as part of the Business Continuity Response Team

4. Not applicable, this question has not previously been asked of the Agency.

**TERTIARY EDUCATION QUALITY AND STANDARDS AGENCY (TEQSA)**

1. and 2. Not Applicable. Please refer to response provided by DIISRTE.

3. Refer to following table:

<b>Equipment provided</b>	<b>Purchase Cost</b>	<b>Ongoing cost</b>	<b>Staff details</b>
Blackberry Bold 9700	\$564	The total ongoing costs for all electronic equipment in the financial year to date is \$40,181	Blackberry Bold 9700: 14 x EL2 2 x EL1  iPhone 4S: 5 x Commissioners 4 x SES  Laptops and modem: 4 x Commissioners, 3 x SES 8 x EL2 (2 unallocated)
Phone 4S	\$912		
Dell Laptop E6320	\$1,098		
Telstra Ultimate Sierra Wireless USB Modem	\$161		

4. Not applicable, this question has not previously been asked of the Agency.