

**Economics Legislation Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**Industry, Innovation, Science, Research and Tertiary Education Portfolio**  
**Supplementary Budget Estimates Hearing 2012-13**  
**17 October 2012**

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**AGENCY/DEPARTMENT:** DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY, INNOVATION, SCIENCE, RESEARCH AND TERTIARY EDUCATION

**TOPIC:** Provision of Electronic Equipment

**REFERENCE:** Written Question – Senator Bushby

**QUESTION No:** SI-186

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) 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 Budget Estimates 2011-12 (May 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 (DIISRTE)**

1. As of September 2012, the Department provides Apple iPhones to Ministers/Parliamentary Secretaries and relevant staff. The cost of providing these devices for 2012-13 financial year (as at 31 October 2012) is \$13,189 (GST exclusive).
2. Electronic equipment provided to Ministers/Parliamentary Secretaries and their staff include laptops, wireless cards, BlackBerry handsets and iPhones. Please refer to BI-206 for costs for electronic equipment for the 2009-10 and 2010-11 financial years. Ongoing costs, including iPhones, for the 2012-13 financial year (as at 31 October 2012 is \$19,208. (GST exclusive).
3. Please refer to BI-206 and SI-187.
4. Please refer to the response to question 2 above.

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

1. and 2. Not applicable. Please refer to response provided by DIISRTE.
3. Please refer to BI-206 and SI-187.
4. Not applicable. Please refer to question DIISRTE's response to question 2.

**AUSTRALIAN INSTITUTE OF MARINE SCIENCE (AIMS)**

1. and 2. Not applicable. Please refer to response provided by DIISRTE.
3. Please refer to BI-206 and SI-187.
4. Not applicable. Please refer to question DIISRTE's response to question 2.

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

1. and 2. Not applicable. Please refer to response provided by DIISRTE.
3. Please refer to BI-206 and SI-187.
4. Not applicable. Please refer to question DIISRTE's response to question 2.

**AUSTRALIAN RESEARCH COUNCIL (ARC)**

1. and 2. No applicable. Please refer to response provided by DIISRTE.
3. Please refer to BI-206 and SI-187.
4. Not applicable. Please refer to question DIISRTE's response to question 2.

**AUSTRALIAN SKILLS QUALITY AUTHORITY**

1. and 2. Not applicable. Please refer to response provided by DIISRTE.
3. Please refer to BI-206 and SI-187.
4. Not applicable. Please refer to question DIISRTE's response to question 2.

**COMMONWEALTH SCIENTIFIC AND INDUSTRIAL RESEARCH ORGANISATION (CSIRO)**

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

3. Please refer to BI-206 and SI-187.
4. Not applicable. Please refer to question DIISRTE's response to question 2.

**IP AUSTRALIA**

1. and 2. Not applicable. Please refer to response provided by DIISRTE.
3. Please refer to BI-206 and SI-187.
4. Not applicable. Please refer to question DIISRTE's response to question 2.

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

1. and 2. Not applicable. Please refer to response provided by DIISRTE.
3. Please refer to BI-206 and SI-187.
4. Not applicable. Please refer to question DIISRTE's response to question 2.