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ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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AGENCY/DEPARTMENT: DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY

TOPIC: Provision of Electronic Equipment

REFERENCE: Written Question – Senator Ludwig

QUESTION No: SI-167

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 what are 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 from 7 September 2013 to date?
3. Is electronic equipment (such as iPads, laptops, wireless cards, vasco tokens, Blackberries, mobile phones (list type if relevant), thumb drives) 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. 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 whom it is provided.

ANSWER

1. The Department provides iPhone 5 mobile phones to the Minister and Parliamentary Secretary and their staff. The purchase of these devices is undertaken through a Department contract with a third party vendor and is approximately \$726 (GST exclusive) per device. Separate to this arrangement, blackberries can also be provided on request and the purchase cost is approximately \$611 (GST exclusive) per device.
2. Electronic equipment provided to the Minister and Parliamentary Secretary and their staff includes laptops, wireless cards, iPads, iPhones and blackberries. For the period 7 September 2013 to 30 November 2013 the ongoing cost was \$7,883 (GST exclusive).
3. Electronic equipment provided to staff is detailed in the following table.

Equipment Provided	Purchase cost (GST exclusive)	Ongoing cost	Staff details
Tablets			
iPad	\$648	\$29 per month (2 year plan)	A small number of iPads have been issued to Senior Executives.

Laptops			
Dell Latitude 6330	\$940	Nil	Staff with an approved business requirement to work remotely may be issued with a laptop.
Wireless			
Telstra Mobile Wifi 4G	\$152	\$29 per month	Data cards are available to SES officers and other staff with an approved business requirement.
USB Devices			
Thumb Drive (Kingston Data Traveller Vault Privacy USB)	\$12	Nil	Available to all staff with an approved business requirement on request.
Smartphones			
iPhones	\$726	Voice = \$5 per month Data = \$30 per month	Devices are provided to SES and other staff with an approved business requirement.
Mobile Phones			
Various models	\$200-\$500 (approx.) Handset costs varies according to model	\$5 per month	Each Division determines the entitlement of departmental mobile phones to staff.

4. Please refer to the response to question 2.

Please note as this information is as at 30 November 2013, it does not include the Anti-Dumping Commission. The Australian Customs and Border Protection Service will report on the Commission where appropriate in their responses to 2013-14 Budget Estimates Questions on Notice.