

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Department of Employment Question No. EM0231_14

Senator Ludwig provided in writing.

Question

Provision of equipment - Ministerial

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

Answer

The Department of Employment provides mobile phones in line with the Department of Finance (DOF) Ministerial Entitlements Handbook.

The Department of Employment has issued 23 iPhones to Ministers and their staff at a cost of approximately \$1000 per mobile phone handset. Monthly voice call and data charges are capped at \$80 per service per month.

The Department of Employment has issued one Blackberry to a ministerial staff member at a cost of \$900 for the handset. The average monthly voice and data charges is \$110.00.