

**Senate Standing Committee on Education Employment and Workplace  
Relations**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE  
Budget Estimates 2012-2013**

**Cross Portfolio**

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**Senator Back provided in writing.**

**Question**

**Provision of Equipment**

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. 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? 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. 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

The department provides Ministers and/Parliamentary Secretaries and/or their offices with the following range of electronic equipment.

Type of Equipment	Equipment Numbers @ June 2012	Purchase Cost (\$)	2009-10 Ongoing Costs (\$)	2010-11 Ongoing Costs (\$)	2011-12 Ongoing Costs (\$)
Desktop computers	79	\$102,786	\$91,984	\$91,984	\$58,949
Laptops	45	\$86,784	\$27,042	\$27,042	\$17,161
Blackberry/iPhone	62	\$41,992	\$102,635	\$108,632	\$93,295
Wireless/Mobile USB device/iPads	63	\$27,821	\$61,600	\$61,600	\$56,758
Multi-Function Device (a)	8	\$83,085	\$52,500	\$52,500	\$42,027
Printer (a)	32	\$47,333			
Video Conferencing	10	\$900	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$3,800
Remote Access Token	45	\$9,000	\$13,000	\$13,000	\$9,000
Digital Camera	3	\$2,456	\$0	\$0	\$0
Digital Voice Recorder	6	\$1,499	\$0	\$0	\$0
Televisions	25	\$13,983	\$0	\$0	\$0
Shredder	8	\$18,002	\$0	\$0	\$0
DVD Player	8	\$5,200	\$0	\$0	\$0
Cabinet Terminal and Printer	5	\$5,910	\$30,000	\$25,000	\$28,864

### Notes

(a) Multi-function device and printer ongoing costs are combined as details of cost per type of equipment are not recorded by the department.

The following equipment has been provided to departmental staff.

Type of electrical equipment	SES	EL 1-2	APS 4-6	APS 1-3	Shared	Purchase Value	Ongoing Costs
Barcode Scanner	0	6	11	1	7	\$46,329	\$0
Binding Machine/Folder Inserter/Folding Machine	0	0	0	0	7	\$31,410	\$0
Cable Meter	0	1	0	0	0	\$24,650	\$0
Cable Tester	0	2	0	0	0	\$32,811	\$0
Data Projector	0	7	13	0	144	\$298,155	\$0
Digital & Desktop Cameras	0	15	18	2	114	\$188,073	\$0
Digital Voice Recorder	0	6	8	0	27	\$72,915	\$0
Desktop Computers	0	0	0	0	6338	\$8,551,845	\$0
DVD/Video Camera/Recorder	0	0	0	0	35	\$96,130	\$0
EPIRB (Emergency Position-Indicating Radio Beacon)	0	0	3	0	26	\$36,250	\$0
External Hard drive/DVD Drive	0	3	0	0	21	\$9,805	\$0
GPS	0	0	0	0	4	\$1,164	\$0
iPads	3	16	0	0	36	\$53,068	\$477,374
iPods	0	0	0	0	26	\$7,885	
Laptop/Notebook/Tough book/ Tablet PCs	34	185	107	0	740	\$2,283,917	
MDFs/Printers/Photocopies/Fax/Scanner	2	0	0	0	464	\$3,254,132	\$1,157,780
Mobile Phone - Blackberry	115	387	54	2	4	\$460,955	\$829,000
Mobile Phone - iPhone	21	10	3	0	83	\$107,786	

Type of electrical equipment	SES	EL 1-2	APS 4-6	APS 1-3	Shared	Purchase Value	Ongoing Costs
Mobile Phone - Other	2	7	3	0	6	\$12,427	
Mobile Phone - Satellite	0	0	5	0	30	\$61,504	\$16,331
Monitor	0	1	0	0	14	\$66,903	\$0
PA System	0	0	0	0	2	\$2,669	\$0
PDA	2	3	1	0	22	\$21,542	\$0
Shredder	0	0	0	0	50	\$122,261	\$0
TV	6	0	0	0	126	\$192,655	\$0
Video Conference	0	0	0	0	207	\$1,696,035	\$86,417
Visible Video Telescope	2	0	0	0	0	\$36,612	\$0
Secure USB Drives	0	15	13	0	52	\$5,840	\$0
Vasco /RAS Tokens	156	1349	577	12	147	\$181,992	\$323,367

**Notes:**

1. On-going costs include annual leasing costs, software/hardware licensing costs and call charges. Costs are for period 1 July 2011 to 31 May 2012.
2. On-going costs for iPad and Laptop/Notebook/Tough book/Tablet PCs includes data costs from Optus and Telstra up to 31 May 2012 for wireless broadband modems and other data usage costs.

The following electrical equipment has been provided to agency staff.

Agencies	Type of Equipment	No of SES staff or equivalent	EL1/2 staff or equivalent	APS 4-6 staff or equivalent	APS 1-3 staff or equivalent	No shared across all staff	Total Purchase Value	Total On-going Costs
<b>Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA)</b>								
	iPad	3	3				\$4,100	\$3,600
	Laptop (a)	3	8	1			\$142,500	\$0
	Mobile Broadband	3	8				\$2,900	\$13,200
	Mobile phone - iPhone	3	18				\$16,800	\$26,400

(a) Laptops are purchased outright; the cost of software installed in the laptop is covered under a group software licence.

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<b>Australian Institute for Teaching and School Leadership (AITSL)</b>								
	Data Projectors					1	\$1,013	\$0
	iPad	5	12				\$6,481	\$22,907
	Laptop	2	2			4	\$5,890	\$0
	Mobile phone - iPhone (a)	5	14			1	\$0	\$18,631
	Wireless card (USB)	4					\$893	\$6,600

(a) Cost of phone included as part of the on-going costs as they are being purchased under a plan arrangement.

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<b>Comcare</b>								
	Data projectors					7	\$10,500	\$0
	Digital Cameras			3			\$1,200	\$0
						1	\$1,500	\$0
			1				\$900	\$0
						2	\$600	\$0
	Digital voice recorders					5	\$250	\$0
	iPad	8	7				\$13,433	\$50 per month per device
	Laptop	9	87	20		32	\$177,600	\$0
	Mobile Phone - Blackberry	5	70	12			\$52,635	\$80-\$90 per month per device
	Mobile phone - iphone	4	2				\$6,048	\$15-\$135 per month per device
	Mobile phone - other	2	26	39			\$3,685	\$5-50 per month per device
	Modem	3	2				\$200	\$0
	thumb drive (secure only)		40	30			\$2,800	\$0
	Wireless card	7	46	31			\$21,000	\$50 per month per device

Agencies	Type of Equipment	No of SES staff or equivalent	EL1/2 staff or equivalent	APS 4-6 staff or equivalent	APS 1-3 staff or equivalent	No shared across all staff	Total Purchase Value	Total On-going Costs
<b>Fair Work Australia (FWA)</b>								
	iPad	2	4	1	0	1	\$7,629	(a)
	Laptop	54	37	63			\$164,973	(b)
	Mobile phone - Samsung		31		1	2	\$12,982	(a)
	Mobile phone - iPhone	57	16	3	1	1	\$62,640	(a)
	Modem	16	3	13			\$6,196	\$ -
	Car kits	14					\$3,714	\$ -

- a To provide a breakdown of telecommunications costs by device would require an unreasonable diversion of resources.
- b It is not possible to isolate software licencing costs to one form of machine such as laptops. In this instance, the agency pays an organisation wide licence fee to Microsoft, Citrix, anti -virus company etc which are licences for the organisation's computing equipment which forms many types including services, desktops, laptops etc.

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<b>Fair Work Ombudsman (FWO)</b>								
	Digital Cameras (b)					26	\$0	\$0
	Digital voice recorders (b)					47	\$0	\$0
	iPad	3				4	\$6,338	\$731
	Laptop	1				46	\$57,421	\$0
	Mobile phone - Blackberry	16	87	17			\$95,310	\$82,362
	Mobile phone - Standard	1	20	170		23	\$54,142	\$24,330
	Mobile phone - satellite (b)						\$0	\$327
	Vasco tokens (a)							
	Wireless card	12	35	6		45	\$21,560	\$28,507

a Vasco tokens are supplied by the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations.

b Several items were acquired by the FWO from predecessor organisations at zero value as they had been fully depreciated (i.e. satellite phone, digital camera and digital voice recorders).

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<b>Office of the Australian Building and Construction Commissioner (ABCC)</b>								
	Data projectors					7	\$4,900	\$0
	Digital cameras					12	\$4,800	\$0
	Digital voice recorders	1	10	55			\$10,560	\$0
	iPad		5			2	\$6,895	\$1,596
	Laptop	5	1			30	\$29,750	\$0
	Mobile phone - Blackberry	5	9	3			\$7,168	\$7,956
	Mobile phone - Other	2	17	74	1		\$22,230	\$23,424
	Vasco token	11	33	80	4	0	\$25,600	\$12,800
	Wireless card	2				12	\$0	\$6,552

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<b>Safe Work Australia (SWA)</b>								
	iPad / Wireless modem	7					\$1,822	\$300
	Laptop	3					\$4,177	\$500
	Mobile phone - Blackberry	1	13				\$10,822	\$4,200
	Mobile phone - iPhone	5					\$4,152	\$1,200
	Mobile phone - other		2				\$400	\$200
	Vasco token	5	39	5			\$9,800	\$9,800