

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

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

Cross Portfolio

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Question

**Provision of equipment to Ministers and Parliamentary Secretary - since
Budget Estimates**

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) 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 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 whom it is provided.

Answer

The answer is provided on the following pages.

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

Type of Equipment	Equipment Numbers @ October 2012	Purchase Cost (\$)	2009-10 Ongoing Costs (\$)	2010-11 Ongoing Costs (\$)	2012-13 Ongoing Costs 1 July to 31 October (\$)
Desktop computers	79	\$102,786	\$91,984	\$91,984	\$21,436
Laptops	40	\$79,200	\$27,042	\$27,042	\$5,547
Blackberry/iPhone	46	\$31,799	\$102,635	\$108,632	\$22,407
Wireless/Mobile USB device/iPad	52	\$24,521	\$61,600	\$61,600	\$16,718
Multi-Function Device (a)	8	\$83,085	\$52,500	\$52,500	\$13,333
Printer (a)	32	\$47,333			
Video Conferencing	10	\$900	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$1,333
Remote Access Token	42	\$8,600	\$13,000	\$13,000	\$2,800
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	\$8,333

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 – 1 July to 31 October 2012
Barcode Scanner	0	4	12	1	22	\$61,999	\$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	3	16	2	135	\$289,010	\$0
Desktop Computers	0	0	0	0	6,256	\$8,45,616	\$1,697,232
Digital & Desktop Cameras	0	13	37	2	93	\$147,913	\$0
Digital Voice Recorder	0	13	18	0	15	\$53,748	\$0
DVD/Video Camera/Recorder	0	2	4	0	13	\$121,884	\$0
EPIRB (Emergency Position-Indicating Radio Beacon)	0	0	4	0	25	\$36,250	\$0
External Hard drive/DVD Drive	0	3	0	0	18	\$9,805	\$0
GPS	0	0	0	0	4	\$1,164	\$0
iPad	4	25	3	0	43	\$50,751	\$138,632
iPods	0	0	0	0	1	\$308	
Laptop/Notebook/Tough book/ Tablet PCs	29	164	149	7	558	\$1,692,096	
MFD/Printers/Photocopies/Fax/Scanner	2	0	0	0	459	\$3,195,802	\$240,686
Mobile Phone - Blackberry	90	355	71	0	551	\$713,908	\$210,041
Mobile Phone - iPhone	24	9	3	0	79	\$103,440	
Mobile Phone - Other	1	5	3	0	9	\$12,427	
Mobile Phone - Satellite	0	0	16	1	50	\$100,119	\$6,235

Type of electrical equipment	SES	EL 1-2	APS 4-6	APS 1-3	Shared	Purchase Value	Ongoing Costs – 1 July to 31 October 2012
Monitor	0	1	0	0	14	\$68,802	\$0
PA System	0	0	1	0	2	\$1,819	\$0
PDA	1	3	1	0	16	\$15,283	\$0
Shredder	0	0	0	0	40	\$74,357	\$0
TV	0	0	0	0	95	\$176,539	\$0
Video Conference	0	0	0	0	195	\$1,710,715	\$20,836
Visible Video Telescope	2	0	0	0	0	\$34,598	\$0
Secure USB Drives	0	15	13	0	52	\$11,930	\$0
Vasco /RAS Tokens	130	1207	665	6	0	\$163,070	\$130,867

Notes:

1. Ongoing costs include annual leasing costs, software/hardware licensing costs and call charges. Costs are for period 1 July 2012 to 31 October 2012.

2. Ongoing costs for iPad and Laptop/Notebook/Tough book/Tablet PCs includes data costs from Optus and Telstra up to 31 October 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 1 July to 31 October 2012
Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA)								
	iPad	3	5				\$5,479	\$1,600
	Laptop (a)	3	9	1			\$144,698	\$0
	Mobile Broadband	3	8				\$2,900	\$13,200
	Mobile phone - iPhone	3	22				\$19,998	\$10,500

Notes

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

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Australian Institute for Teaching and School Leadership (AITSL)								
	Digital camera					1	\$5,549	
	iPad	6	19				\$11,132	\$3,792
	Laptop	5	2				\$15,291	\$0
	Mobile phone - iPhone (a)	7	15				\$1,728	\$6,952
	Wireless card (USB)	7	6				\$1,050	\$1,169

Notes

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

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 – 1 July to 31 October 2012
Comcare								
	Data projectors					7	\$10,500	\$0
	Digital Cameras		1	5			\$4,200	\$0
	Digital voice recorders					5	\$250	\$0
	iPad	9	11	1			\$18,879	\$2,433
	Mobile Phone - Blackberry	1	66	4			\$42,600	\$16,500
	Mobile phone - iPhone	7	8				\$15,120	\$840
	Mobile phone – Samsung Galaxy	1	1				\$1,546	\$80
	Mobile phone – Nokia		24	46			\$3,500	\$1,347
	Modem	3	2				\$200	\$0
	Notebook	7	87	62			\$321,460	\$4,949
	Thumb drive (secure only)		40	30			\$2,800	\$0
	Wireless card (Internet Dongle)	4	29	13			\$10,412	\$6,134
	MyToken	9	73	60			\$3,246	\$1,183

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 Cost (d)	Total On-going Costs 2011-12
Fair Work Australia (FWA)								
	Data Projector					1	\$2,000	\$0
	iPad	1	7	2	0		\$9,000	(a)
	Laptop - Acer	3	31	63			\$11,313	(b)
	Laptop – HP		4	3			\$9,100	
	Mobile phone - iPhone	5	10	7			\$17,600	(a)
	Wireless Modem (USB Dongle)		4				\$600	\$166
	Wireless data services (SIM only) (c)	3	3	6				\$833

Notes

- (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.
- (c) Wireless data services provisioned on SIM cards only are for use in Apple iPad devices (3G enabled) and Notebook/Laptop devices equipped with internal 3G modem devices.
- (d) Indicative purchase cost used for iPhone/iPad as otherwise onerous exercise sourcing each individual invoice.

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	Total Purchase Value	Total On-going Costs – 1 July to 31 October 2012
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Fair Work Building and Construction (FWBC)*								
	Camcorder					7	Not separately reported	
	Data projectors					7	\$4,900	\$0
	Digital cameras					12	\$4,880	\$0
	Digital voice recorders	1	10	55			\$10,560	\$0
	iPad	5	9	18		2	\$31,790	\$1,133
	Laptop	5	1			47	\$33,207	\$0
	Mobile phone - Blackberry	3	6	5			\$5,600	Not separately reported
	Mobile phone - standard	3	16	68	1	4	\$18,400	\$8,515
	Mobile phone – Android	1	1				\$600	Not reported separately (see mobile phone – standard)
	Vasco token	11	33	80	4	0	Not separately reported	\$4,267
	Wireless card	1				12	Not separately reported	\$2,184

Notes

The Office of the Australian Building and Construction Commissioner (ABCC) concluded its operations on 1 June 2012. A new specialist regulator for the building and construction industry, known as Fair Work Building and Construction (FBWC), commenced operations upon the cessation of the ABCC.

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Fair Work Ombudsman (FWO)								
	Digital Cameras (b)					28	\$1,280	\$0
	Digital voice recorders (b)					47	\$0	\$0
	iPad	3	2			2	\$6,338	\$639
	Laptop	1				49	\$61,560	\$0
	Mobile phone - Blackberry	14	84	22			\$103,487	\$25,228
	Mobile phone - Standard	2	17	150	1	26	\$54,142	\$7,189
	Mobile phone - satellite (b)					1	\$0	\$109
	Vasco token (a)							
	Wireless card	13	32	9		48	\$21,560	\$8,910

Notes

- (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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Safe Work Australia (SWA)								
	iPad / Wireless modem	2					\$1,822	\$100
	Laptop	3					\$4,177	\$166
	Mobile phone - Blackberry	1	12				\$10,049	\$1,300
	Mobile phone - iPhone	5					\$4,152	\$400
	Mobile phone - other		1				\$200	\$33
	Vasco token	5	38	4			\$9,400	\$3,267