

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
ADDITIONAL BUDGET ESTIMATES 2011-2012

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

Department/Agency: Australian Public Service Commission
Outcome/Program: Cross Portfolio
Topic: Provision of Equipment

Senator: Ryan

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Question:

- 1. 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.**
- 2. What other non-electronic equipment is provided to department/agency staff? (paintings, furniture etc...) Please list what the equipment is, the cost, the classification of the staff receiving the equipment and the reason why.**

Answer:

1. The Australian Public Service Commission (APSC) does not provide the Ministers and/or Parliamentary Secretaries and/or their offices with any electronic equipment.
2. The APSC provides all staff with office furniture such as desks and chairs. Chairs and stools are provided in kitchenettes and open areas for staff and visitor use. Artwork is displayed in open areas and in some executive offices for aesthetic purposes.

Non-electronic equipment valued over \$2,000 is recorded on the APSC assets register. To separate non-electronic items on the register from other equipment and to ascertain costs and staff classifications would be an unreasonable diversion of APSC resources.