

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
BUDGET ESTIMATES 2012-2013

Finance and Deregulation Portfolio

Department/Agency: Department of Finance and Deregulation
Outcome/Program: General
Topic: Provision of Equipment

Senator: Ryan

Question reference number: F126

Type of question: Written

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Answer:

- a) The standard mobile phone offered to Ministers and their offices is the Nokia C2-01 at a cost of \$123 per unit.
- b) Refer to Attachment A.
- c) Yes. The list of electronic equipment provided to Departmental staff is current as at 30 April 2012. Electronic equipment is provided to staff, subject to business case approval. Refer to Attachment B.

- d) Yes, one addition, the Netgear Wireless modem/router which was provided to ministers only. The purchase cost was \$296. There are no ongoing costs associated to this asset.

Minister for Finance and Deregulation

	Costs: \$		Costs: \$		Costs: \$
Equipment Leasing Costs	41,640		61,008		55,924
Telecommunication Costs	14,967		16,526		16,499
Total Ongoing cost for 2009-2010	56,607	Total Ongoing cost for 2010-2011	77,534	Total Ongoing cost for 2011-2012 YTD	72,423

Special Minister of State

	Costs: \$		Costs: \$		Costs: \$
Equipment Leasing Costs	38,724		36,514		32,824
Telecommunication Costs	14,031		13,252		13,303
Total Ongoing cost for 2009-2010	52,755	Total Ongoing cost for 2010-2011	49,766	Total Ongoing cost for 2011-2012 YTD	46,127

c)

Electronic Equipment Provided to Departmental Staff

	Purchase Cost \$	Monthly Ongoing Cost (lease payments or usage charges) \$	Provided to these staff categories (subject to business requirement approval)*
Standard Desk Setup			
Desktop PC Bundle (includes Monitor, Keyboard and Mouse)	N/A	199	All Staff
Laptop PC Bundle (includes Monitor, Keyboard and Mouse)	N/A	221	All Staff
Peripherals			
DVD Burner (External)	160	N/A	All Staff
Keyboard (non-standard)	27	N/A	All Staff
Monitor (non-standard)	180	N/A	All Staff
Optical Mouse (non-standard)	15	N/A	All Staff
USB Thumbdrive	13	N/A	All Staff
Vasco Tokens (for Remote Access)	126	N/A	All Staff
Smart Label Printer	264	N/A	All Staff
Wireless Data Card	260	(Data) 40	All Staff
BlackBerry - Bold 9900	730	(Data) 40	Directors (EL2) and Senior Executive Staff (SES 1-3)
BlackBerry - Torch 9810	695	(Data) 40	Directors (EL2) and Senior Executive Staff (SES 1-3)
Mobile Phone (Nokia C2-01)	123	N/A	Directors (EL2) and Senior Executive Staff (SES 1-3)

Points of Note:

* All Staff includes the following classifications: APS Levels 1-6, Executive Level 1 & 2 and Senior Executive Staff Bands 1-3 (Excluding COMCAR Drivers).

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Answer:

- a) N/A.
- b) N/A.
- c) Yes. Agency staff ranging in classification from APS Level 1 to Senior Executive Service (SES) are provided with a PC located in their AEC office. In addition, staff at the Executive Level 2 (EL2) and SES level classifications are provided with a mobile device, being a mobile phone or BlackBerry.

Staff at the SES classification may also be provided with an iPad or laptop and printer for use outside AEC offices.

Mobile phones, broadband modems, and tokens may be provided to staff below EL2 having regard to the duties of their position.

In relation to cost, the table below provides costs associated with the provision of equipment during the 2011-12 financial year to date.

Equipment	1 July 2011 – 30 April 2012
PCs	\$973,034 (annualised hardware and software)
Mobile phones	\$65,112
Mobile broadband (including BlackBerry and iPad)	\$84,674

d) N/A.

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Answer:

- a) N/A.
- b) N/A.
- c) Yes. The monthly ongoing cost is approximately \$22 per device.

APS	Apple iPad		Apple iPhone		Blackberry		Mobile - Nokia N9		Laptops		Samsung Galaxy		Total	
	Qty	Cost	Qty	Cost	Qty	Cost	Qty	Cost	Qty	Cost	Qty	Cost	Qty	Cost
APS 4					1	\$ 650			1	\$ 1,172			2	\$ 1,822
APS 5									2	\$ 2,344			2	\$ 2,344
APS 6					1	\$ 650			5	\$ 5,860			6	\$ 6,510
EL 1	2	\$ 1,673	1	\$ 742	4	\$2,600			21	\$24,612	1	\$691	29	\$30,318
EL 2	4	\$ 3,400	3	\$2,790	4	\$2,600	1	\$600	9	\$10,548			21	\$19,938
SESBI	5	\$ 4,318	3	\$2,768					4	\$ 4,688			12	\$11,774
CEO	1	\$ 864	1	\$ 908									2	\$ 1,772
Total	12	\$10,254	8	\$7,208	10	\$6,500	1	\$600	42	\$49,224	1	\$691	73	\$74,478

This equipment is used to allow offsite work and communications. All portable and attractive items are registered in the agency's FMIS portable and attractive register. A stocktake of these items is undertaken annually as per agency policy and procedures. All findings from the stocktake are updated within the FMIS portable and attractive register.

There are a total of 500 PCs provided to staff ranging from APS to Senior Executives. All PCs are located within the Agency. The collective purchase cost of the PCs is \$549,140 (\$1,098 per PC). The ongoing service cost per PC is \$65 which is exclusively warranty. The PCs are also included in the annual stocktake and all findings are reflected in the Fixed Asset Register in the FMIS.

d) N/A.

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- a) N/A.
- b) N/A.
- c) Yes. See Attachment A below.
- d) N/A.

**Attachment A
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FYTD 2011-12			
Electronic equipment		Purchase cost (\$)	Ongoing cost (\$)
Senior executives			
	Mobile telephones	509	13,434
	iPads		4,430
	Wireless internet cards		2,780
	Laptops	3,361	
Other staff			
	Mobile telephones	5,555	39,659
	iPads		6,754
	Wireless internet cards		4,010
	Laptops	3,361	
All staff			
	Desktop computers (hardware and software)	92,617	141,379*
Total		105,403	212,446

*Annualised depreciation amount for FYTD.

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- a) N/A.
- b) N/A.
- c) Yes. Blackberry phones. \$51,358 purchase cost, with ongoing cost a function of use and contract arrangements. Classification ranges from FFMA Level 2 through FFMA Level 6.
Laptops \$94,153 purchase cost. Classification ranges from FFMA Level 2 through FFMA Level 6.
PC desktops and monitors. \$26,336 purchase cost with user support at \$85 per month per unit. Classification ranges from FFMA Level 2 through FFMA Level 6.
- d) N/A.