

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Budget Estimates Hearing 21-24 May 2012

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

Department/Agency: Office of National Assessments

Outcome/Program: 1

Topic: Provision of Equipment

Senator: Senator Ryan

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Question:

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?

ONA Response:

N/A

Question:

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.

ONA Response:

Laptops are issued to 7 IT staff from APS6 to EL2 level for education, development and testing purposes. These laptops were originally purchased in June 2010 for \$2,100-2,400 depending on requirements.

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Laptops are also provided to ONA's Director-General and Assistant Director-General, Corporate Services and Information Technology, also purchased in June 2010 for approx. \$2,400 for use at home and while travelling. An additional laptop of similar age and value is also issued as required to the Director-General's Executive Officer for research and preparation of briefings for the Director-General.

Question:

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.

ONA Response:

No changes; equipment is not provided by ONA to Ministers or Parliamentary Secretaries.