

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

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

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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?

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.

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:

1. No mobile phones are provided to Ministers and/or Parliamentary Secretaries and/or their offices.
2. No electronic equipment is provided to Ministers and/or Parliamentary Secretaries and/or their offices.

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3. As at the end of May 2013, the APSC had the following equipment issued to staff:

Item	Quantity	Indicative Purchase cost (excluding GST)	Ongoing cost (excluding GST)	Classification of staff (issued as demonstrated by a business need)
iPad tablet	3	\$2,000	nil	Statutory Office Holders and SES staff
Laptops	48	\$60,000	nil	Normally issued from a central pool - as required - APS 6 to SES level staff
Vasco Tokens	172	Included in Ongoing Cost	\$34,400	Normally EL2 to SES staff. Other staff where special business case including Recruitment Advisors who work remotely.
Mobile broadband Devices	12	\$1,800	\$400 per month	Normally issued from a central pool - as required - APS 6 to SES level staff
Blackberry Phones	22	\$18,000	\$1,000 per month (varies according to call usage)	EL2, SES level staff and Statutory Office Holders
Other Mobile phones	12	\$4,000	\$700 per month (varies according to call usage)	APS 5 to SES level staff
Thumb/USB drives	unknown - treated as ICT consumables	unavailable	nil	As required - to all levels of staff

4. No electronic equipment is provided to Ministers and/or Parliamentary Secretaries and/or their offices.