

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Supplementary Budget Estimates 15-18 October 2012

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

Department/Agency: Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet

Outcome/Program: 1.1.3 Support Services for Government Operations

Topic: Provision of Equipment

Senator: Senator Ryan

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Question:

1. 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.
2. 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?
3. 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.
4. Please update if there have been any changes since Budget Estimates 2011-12 (May 2012):
5. 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.

Answer:

1. Blackberry at an upfront cost of approximately \$605 (excluding GST).
2. Ongoing or running costs for electronic equipment provided for current and former Ministers and Parliamentary Secretaries supported by PM&C are as follows:

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For periods 2009-2010 and 2010-2011 see answer to Budget Estimates hearing 21-24 May 2012, question reference number 109.

1 July 2012 to 30 September 2012 (excluding GST):

The Prime Minister and the Prime Minister's office	\$54,631.66
Mr Dreyfus and his office	\$ 4,569.79
Senator McLucas and her office	\$19,828.42

1 July 2011 to 30 June 2012 (excluding GST):

The Prime Minister and the Prime Minister's office	\$194,177.69
Mr Dreyfus and his office	\$ 15,845.23
Senator McLucas and her office	\$ 3,953.20
Senator Lundy and her office	\$ 11,497.00

3. Yes. The type of equipment that is provided and unit cost is as follows:

Equipment	Cost (GST Excl)	Allocation					
Blackberry	\$605	Based on work requirement					
Laptop	\$1,200	Based on work requirement					
Wireless Card – Laptop	\$227	Based on work requirement					
RSA Token	\$165	Based on work requirement					
IPad: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• iPad• 3G card (internet connection)• Software licences and configuration	<table><tr><td>\$830</td></tr><tr><td>\$430</td></tr><tr><td>\$830</td></tr><tr><td><hr/></td></tr><tr><td>\$2,090</td></tr></table>	\$830	\$430	\$830	<hr/>	\$2,090	Based on work requirement
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Total ongoing costs for electronic equipment (such as iPad, laptop, wireless card, RSA token, blackberry, mobile phone) for the Department (excluding GST) for the period 1 July 2011 to 31 June 2012 (Administered and Departmental) was \$694,690.24.

Expenditure from 1 July 2012 to 30 September 2012 was \$104,063.57.

Items such as thumb drives are purchased as stationery items and are not included in the above total. Expenditure for thumb drives is not itemised separately.

The Department does not record allocation of electronic equipment by staff classification. To attempt to provide this level of detail would involve an unreasonable diversion of departmental resources.

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4. Unit costs since Budget Estimates 2011-12 (May 2012) have not changed.
5. Consistent with its role as the Minister's Portfolio Department responsible for meeting costs for computer equipment and additional equipment, the Department provides computer and other electronic equipment to the ministerial offices of the Prime Minister, the Cabinet Secretary and the Parliamentary Secretary to the Prime Minister.

The type of equipment that is provided and unit cost is as per the table in 3) above.

No devices were purchased for the period 1 July 2012 to 30 September 2012.

Total expenditure on these items for the period 1 July 2011 to 30 June 2012 was (excluding GST):

The Prime Minister and the Prime Minister's office	\$40,645.00
Minister Dreyfus and his office	\$758.00
Senator Lucas and her office	\$3,767.00
Senator Lundy and her office	\$203.00