

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS  
ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT

**Portfolio**

**Question No. 96**

**Senator Humphries asked the following question at the hearing on 14 February 2012:**

Provision of Equipment

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.

What equipment is provided to department/agency staff? Please list what the equipment is, the cost, the classification of the staff receiving the equipment and the reason why.

**The answer to the honourable senator's question is as follows:**

1. The Attorney-General's Department provides various standard items of electronic equipment to Ministers and their staff as required based on a case by case basis, including:

- Desktop PC (including monitors)
- Laptop
- Blackberry device (mobile phone)
- Telstra wireless 4G/3G internet 'dongle'

In addition to standard items listed above, the following items of electronic equipment may be provided to ministers and their staff as required on a case by case basis:

- iPad (only made available to the Minister)
- Bluetooth headset/car speaker
- Desktop scanner or printer
- Digital voice recorder (available to the office rather than individual staff)
- Digital camera (available to the office rather than individual staff)

2. The Attorney-General's Department and Portfolio Agencies provide various standard items of electronic equipment to staff members as required based on a case by case basis, including:

- Desktop PC (including monitors)

- Laptop
- Blackberry device (mobile phone)
- Telstra wireless 4G/3G internet 'dongle'

These items are provided to staff for the purposes of normal work practices. A breakdown of costs and staff classifications is not readily available. To attempt to provide this level of detail would involve an unreasonable diversion of resources.