

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

Portfolio

Question No. 135

**Senator Humphries asked the following question at the hearing on 16 October 2012:**

Provision of Equipment

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): 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.
5. For departments/agencies that provide mobile phones to Ministers and/or Parliamentary Secretaries and/or their offices, what type of mobile phone is provided, the cost and what were the ongoing costs for 2011-12.
6. For departments/agencies that provide electronic equipment to Ministers and/or Parliamentary Secretaries and/or their offices, what type of electronic equipment was provided, the cost and what were the ongoing costs for 2011-12.
7. If electronic equipment (such as ipad, laptop, wireless card, vasco token, blackberry, mobile phone (list type if relevant), thumb drive) was provided to department/agency staff for 2011-12, provide details of what was provided, the purchase cost, the ongoing cost and a breakdown of what staff and staff classification receives it.

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

1. The Attorney-General's Department provides Blackberry Bold 9780 and 9800 model devices to Ministers and their staff as required. The total purchase price of the current suite of Blackberries is \$13,516 (based on cost at time of purchase).

2. Recorded costs incurred for the period 1 July 2011 to 30 June 2012 are \$77,337 in call costs, and \$26,400 in service/support costs.

Approximate running costs for prior years were: 2009-10: \$94,131 call costs and 2010-11: \$97,977 call costs. Departmental support costs are not available for 2009-12 and 2010-11.

Due to significant changes to the portfolio's Ministerial structure over this period, costs are not directly comparable across years.

3. Agencies provide various standard items of personal electronic equipment to staff members as necessary including:

- Desktop PC (including monitors)
- Laptop, Citrix token, internet dongle
- Blackberry devices
- iPad or iPhone device (SES only)
- Mobile phone
- Telstra wireless 4G/3G internet 'dongle'
- Bluetooth headset/car speaker
- Desktop scanner or printer
- RSA Token
- Thumb drives

These items are provided to staff for the purposes of undertaking normal duties. A breakdown of costs and staff classifications is not readily available.

4. There have been no changes since the Budget Estimates 2011-12 (May 2012).

For privacy reasons the Department does not release details of individual equipment assignments. However, in summary the Department provides the following equipment to the Minister's offices. Note: four Blackberries used by the Minister's staff were transferred from the Department of Health. While AGD currently supports these devices, it did not purchase them.

<b>Item</b>	<b>Model(s)</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Unit Cost</b>
Blackberry	Model 9000, 9780, 9800, Torch 9800	30	Avg \$500
Desktop PCs	Dell Optiplex 760, 780, 980, 990 Minitower	24	Avg approx \$1,050
Laptops	Dell Latitude E6410ATG Dell Latitude E6400 Dell Latitude E4200	17 2 2	\$1,622 \$1,875 \$3,575
Television	Grundig 51 cm, LG 22" LCD, Samsung 23", Samsung 26", Toshiba 32", TCL 23" LED	20	Avg approx. \$400
USB	Belkin Soho V2, Kingston DT4000 Secure	3	\$56
DVD recorder	Sony HD DVD Model RDR-HDC100	1	\$390

iPad	64GB 3G WiFi	1	\$840
Printers/Fax/Multi-function devices	Samsung CLP-325W, Cannon L3000, HP H470b portable, Lexmark T656dne, Ricoh MPC4501, Ricoh Laser Fax 3320Le, Lexmark T654DN,	11	Avg \$3,006
Mobile phones	Nokia 6720c	3	\$371
Recording devices	Sony Stereo IC recorder, Olympus DS-2400 Digital Voice Recorder	4	Avg \$380
Digital camera	Fuji model JZ500	1	\$180
Internet dongle	6 x 3G, 15 x 4G	21	\$220
Citrix Token	RSA token	22	\$70

5. Please see Point 4 above.

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