

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 15 October 2012

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(SE12/0175) PROGRAM – Internal Product

Senator Humphries (written) asked:

Portfolio wide - Provision of equipment: 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. What were the ongoing costs for 2011-12.

Answer:

The Hon Chris Bowen, Minister for Immigration and Citizenship is provided with an Apple iPhone and his staff are provided with Blackberry handsets. One staff member of Senator the Hon. Kate Lundy, Minister for Multicultural Affairs is provided with a Blackberry handset. The cost of the Blackberry handsets is \$88.00 per handset per month and the iPhone is \$55.00 per month.

In the 2011-12 financial year, the Department of Immigration and Citizenship expended \$14,784 on behalf of Minister Chris Bowen and \$1056 on behalf of Minister Kate Lundy.