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1.	What would be the cost of providing smart phones or tablet technology to all Gardaí to assist in the recording of information?	Hardware cost is estimated to approximate to €4.5m and the annual data allowance cost would approximate to €2.3m.	<p>The estimated cost of providing all Gardaí members with Smart phones &/or Tablets is dependent upon the expected use expected by the members of the force. The prescribed work of the devices will dictate the specification required which will have a resulting impact on the price per device.</p> <p>Notwithstanding the above, it is expected that the average cost for a Smartphone or tablet would be in the region of €350 for a mid range specification. The average phone bill of such a device is estimated to be approximately €19.25 a month per Smartphone user and the cost of a data allowance package per tablet user is estimated at €15 a month. The cost of providing smart phones for to all Gardaí is estimated to be €4.5m with respect to the cost of the hardware and the annual mobile service associated with same to be €2.9m annually. With respect to the cost of providing tablets, the hardware cost is estimated to approximate to €4.5m and the annual data allowance cost would approximate to €2.3m.</p>																																
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