

Senate Community Affairs Committee
ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
FAMILIES, HOUSING, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND
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2010-11 Additional Estimates Hearings

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Question No: 19

Topic: iPads

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Senator Ryan asked:

Why were iPads purchased? What is their purpose?

Answer:

The Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs (FaHCSIA) purchased a number of iPads to assess their suitability for senior executive staff to use as a mobile device replacement for more expensive laptops.

iPads may provide an alternate, efficient means of remotely connecting to the FaHCSIA IT network as they are lighter and less bulky than a laptop, but still provide much of the functionality required by senior executive staff.