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Senator Abetz provided in writing.

Question

Provision of equipment to Ministers - iPad applications

In relation to iPads that have been provided to the Minister's office at the Department's expense, who pays for application purchases on those iPads? Can a list be provided of all applications downloaded on each ipad provided to the Minister's office?

Answer

When the Department assigns an iPad to a ministerial staff member, the Department is required to create an iTunes account for the individual to be able to register the iPad.

The Department provides \$20 credit with the account. The Department does not expend any further funds for application purchases.

The following applications are required on departmentally issued iPads for Ministerial staff: Good for Enterprise, Citrix Receiver and Good Reader. Good Reader is the only application that incurs a cost (\$4) from the \$20 credit.

The Department is not able to monitor other applications that a user may install on the issued iPad.