

Standing Committee on Finance and Public Administration

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Senator Polley asked:

The Department of Finance picks up the telephone account, but my understanding is that there is no entitlement to caller ID. I wanted to have that confirmed because I would have thought, from a security point of view, it would be an advantage.

Answer:

A Senator or Member is entitled to have the cost of installation, rental, transfer (of the account), and all call costs from two telephone lines and the installation, maintenance and rental of one telephone answering machine in his or her private residence met at Australian Government expense. Calling Number Display, or Caller ID, is not provided under entitlement.