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ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

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Senator Polley asked:

Could you provide a list of the advantages and disadvantages of each model?

Answer:

All models of Mobile PDA devices synchronise to the Parliamentary Computing Network utilising the same technology and software. The main differences between the supported devices are the form factor (size and weight), battery life, keyboard layout and screen size.

Additional functionality is not taken into account when accrediting MPDA devices.

The choices offered under the supported devices list are designed to give Senators and Members the opportunity to select the device that will best suit their business need.

