

Standing Committee on Finance and Public Administration

ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

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Senator Polley asked:

Could you please also provide supporting information as to the reasons why the PDA currently in use was selected over other models?

Answer:

Under the entitlement granted by the Special Minister of State, four (4) Mobile PDA (MPDA) devices are able to be offered to Senators and Members to be supported with synchronisation functionality to the Parliamentary Computing Network.

The aim of device selection is to provide Senators and Members with a choice in relation to size, functionality and a device that will best meet their business need.

At present the MPDA devices available on the Telstra 3G network (Next G) are limited. There are currently four (4) MPDA devices supported, one (1) of which is now no longer available for purchase. As further devices are made available these will be assessed and added to the supported device list available to Senators and Members replacing those devices that are no longer available to purchase.