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ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

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Senator Polley asked:

I also understand that the I Mate 9502 Ultimate is currently under evaluation, is that correct? If so, can you please provide details of the evaluation process?

Answer:

Correct – The i-Mate Ultimate 9502 has been evaluated and was made available as a supported Mobile PDA (MPDA) for Senators and Members on 16 June 2008.

As Mobile PDA devices are released by manufacturers, they are assessed by the Department of Finance and Deregulation (Finance) against those devices currently on the supported device list in relation to form factor (size, weight) and functionality.

Once a device is identified by Finance as suitable to be added to the supported device list or as an upgrade to a currently supported device that is no longer available to be purchased, a technical evaluation is conducted by the Department of Parliamentary Services (DPS) to confirm that the device is able to be configured to synchronise with the Parliamentary Computing Network. Once this has been confirmed, DPS provide a report to Finance confirming the device is able to be supported. DPS also produce a standard software build for the device and support documentation for the service desk.

Ministerial and Parliamentary Services State Managers are then informed that the device has been put on the supported device list and that it is able to be offered as a choice when purchasing an MPDA for a Senator or Member.

