

**Standing Committee on Finance and Public Administration**

**ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE**

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**Topic: User access to load individual software packages on BlackBerry's**

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**Senator Jacinta Collins asked:**

'[i]s there no reason that we could not do what we do with our laptops, for instance: for approved software or authorised applications, simply get administration rights for a limited period to download them?'

**Answer:**

The Defence Signals Directorate (DSD) security guidelines preclude the devolution of administrator rights to individual BlackBerry devices.

BlackBerry Hardening Guide is available at:

[http://www.dsd.gov.au/library/pdfdocs/BlackBerry\\_Hardening\\_Guide\\_Dec07.pdf](http://www.dsd.gov.au/library/pdfdocs/BlackBerry_Hardening_Guide_Dec07.pdf).