

**Standing Committee on Finance and Public Administration**

**ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE**

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**Topic: Time out settings on BlackBerrys**

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**Senator Helen Polley asked:**

'[w]hether or not the timeout in relation to the passwords could be extended on the BlackBerrys. ....There was an undertaking that that would be looked at. Can you give us an update on that issue?'

**Answer:**

The BlackBerry timeout period is the maximum that can be set in accordance with the Defence Signals Directorate (DSD) security guidelines.

The Information Security Manual is available at:

[http://www.dsd.gov.au/lib/pdf/doc/ism/ISM\\_Sep09\\_rev1.pdf](http://www.dsd.gov.au/lib/pdf/doc/ism/ISM_Sep09_rev1.pdf).