

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee —Budget Estimates Hearing—May 2012

Answers to Questions on Notice

Parliamentary departments, Department of Parliamentary Services

Topic: WiFi access in electorate offices

Question: 55

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CHAIR: In light of this review which is finalised at the end of July, August, September, October or whatever the time frame ends up being, would you then have to go back and seek a tender for access to Wi-Fi, or would that just be connectability?

Mr Kenny: I would imagine that we would be able to do it without going to a new tender.

CHAIR: Could you take that on notice so that we do not have to imagine, we actually know?

Mr Kenny: I will take on notice the process and the time frame.

Answer

How WiFi access is provided in each Electorate Office (**EO**) will dictate whether or not DPS has to go to tender.

Adding WiFi capability to the existing EO network would require the purchase of additional communications equipment for each EO. If existing contracts are able to be used for the supply of the equipment a three week procurement is envisaged. If, however, a tender process is required, 12 weeks is the anticipated procurement timeframe.